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## Jaycees slate mega-gala to benefit area charities

The Virginia Beach Jaycees will hold the 11th Annual Beach Party on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 8-midnight at Dam Neck Officer's Club.

Beverages, music and entertainment are available to all over 21 for a \$10 donation in advance and \$12 at the door.

This popular social event has become a summer ritual for locals and offers an evening of

festivities including cold beverages, party music and lots of friends.

Proceeds will benefit the Flame of Hope Memorial, the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the Blind for the Visually Impaired and the Virginia Beach Jaycees.

For tickets and information, call 467-4907 or 670-7071.

## Land House schedules wine tasting Thursday

The Francis Land House will hold its Second Annual Wine Tasting on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will feature a variety of wines provided by P.J. Baggan to complement hors d'oeuvres prepared by Two Sisters Catering.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the

Francis Land House.

The tasting is a fund raiser for the Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens. Proceeds will be used to enhance the museum's historical programs and interpretive exhibits. Call 431-4000 for more information.

## Paddle-a-thon hits the water this Saturday

Wild River Outfitters and Chesapeake Kayak Tours are sponsoring a six-mile kayak race and a 12-mile paddle-a-thon Saturday to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

The event, beginning at Rudee Inlet, will feature a kayak race and paddle-a-thon. The paddle-a-thon will be divided into two legs, the first leg ending at the Fort Story Army Base along with the kayak race.

Those competing in the

second leg of the paddle-a-thon will continue around Cape Henry and finish at Lynnhaven Inlet.

Paddle for the Bay is open to anyone 18 or older unless accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is \$35 before Aug. 2 or \$45 on the day of the race with all proceeds donated to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

For an entry form or more information, contact Lillie Gilbert from Wild River Outfitter, 431-8566.

## City sets up telephone book recycling centers

Residents of Virginia Beach can recycle their old telephone books at recycling drop-off centers and newspaper recycling bins at Virginia Beach public schools. All have paper recycling bins located in their parking lots, with the exception of Holland and College Park Elementary and Tallwood High School.

Residents with the new curbside service can put them in their container. All phone books must be dry and free of any plastic shrink wrap and bags. Businesses with 50 or more books can call 430-2450 to make an appointment for collections.

For further information call Waste Management, 430-2450.

## Armed Forces Job Fair planned by chambers

The Armed Forces Committees of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce's Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach divisions and Norfolk's Department of Development will present the area's first Regional Armed Forces Job Fair, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sept. 17 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The event will be held in conjunction with the chamber's annual BizExpo, a two-day trade show. The job fair includes seminars in the

morning and afternoon on how to network, how to work a job fair, how to negotiate job offers and understand benefit packages.

The event is free and open to all armed forces personnel, Department of Defense civilians and family members with valid identification or DD Form 214. Military personnel also will be given free admission to BizExpo.

For more information, call Jennifer Tuttle, 664-2523.

## Museum brings stories to life on big screen

This summer, in The Family Channel IMAX 3D Theater, visitors have a choice of three movies showing on the six-story-high screen. Currently showing are "Four Million Houseguests" and "Into The Deep," both in 3-D, and "Whales" an incredible 2-D adventure.

IMAX tickets cost \$6.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children. Combination museum and IMAX tickets, and evening

double feature tickets are also available.

Summer outreach programs include the popular dolphin watching boat trips. On these two-hour trips visitors have a chance to experience bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat off the Virginia Beach coast.

Trips run daily and reservations are required. For more information, call 425-FISH (3474).

# Fair at the Beach: a return to city's agricultural roots

10-day festival highlighting best in region kicks off this weekend

### Special to the Sun

The smiles. The smells. The sights and sounds. Rides that send your stomach lurching. Entertainment that leaves you wanting more because it's so good!

If you've been to the State Fair of Virginia, this will sound familiar. If you haven't, your chance is coming Aug. 1-10 at the Camp Pendleton Fairgrounds in Virginia Beach.

Called Fair at the Beach, the regional version of the State Fair of Virginia will offer almost more than anyone can experience in a day.

"We're delighted to bring our fair to families and communities in South Hampton Roads," said Maurice B. Rowe III, chairman of Atlantic Rural Exposition (ARE), the show's producer.

Presented cooperatively by five South Hampton Roads cities, the event will promote youth, education, agriculture and commerce by highlighting the very best of each community. Visitors will enjoy a visual tour of each city, which has two designated days to showcase its unique character.

■ Virginia Beach, Aug. 1-2;



**GOING TO THE FAIR.** From farm animals to fresh produce, a fair at the Beach will highlight the region's agricultural past. Every two days one of the five South Hampton Roads cities will be showcased. A carnival, musical acts and plenty of other activities are planned.

■ Chesapeake, Aug. 3-4;  
■ Portsmouth, Aug. 5-6;  
■ Suffolk, Aug. 7-8; and,  
■ Norfolk, Aug. 9-10.

An extravaganza of things to do, see and eat, the fair features more than 50 games and rollicking rides: a giant ferris wheel, Thunderbolt, 1001 Nights Superloops, Kamikaze, Zipper,

bumper cars, merry-go-round, Lollipop Swing Ride and Kiddieland, an area designed with rides specifically for kids.

Nightly musical and daily entertainment includes high-dive acts, clowns and more. And, if excitement by land doesn't grab you, perhaps weekend helicopter rides will. Weather permitting,

helicopter rides will be available during the weekend.

Local 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America will sponsor animal and agriculture exhibits showcasing the deep agricultural heritage of South Hampton Roads.

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# School is a 'shot in the arm'

Return to classes keeps health workers busy

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

Back-to-school time is about more than new clothes and lunch boxes.

Getting ready for the return to classes also means immunizations.

This summer the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health is providing free immunizations required for enrollment. They include DTP, polio, measles, rubella, rubella and mumps.

The Hepatitis B vaccine is also required for children born after January 1994 and is free to any child born after Jan. 1, 1992.

All immunization must be documented by the doctor administering it or the agency where it was received. These

health requirements apply to home-schooled students as well.

Public health workers say that now is the time to take care of these things. It helps avoid waiting in long lines in the end of August or trying to arrange an appointment when everyone else is — just before school starts.

Some immunizations require more than one injection with a waiting period in between so it would not be possible to do them at the last minute, noted Carol Flach, coordinator of school nurses.

Students with incomplete immunizations, she added, aren't admitted to schools until all are completed.

While some people may say the immunizations are for diseases that aren't seen very often any

more, Flach said, "If children didn't get these immunizations we'd have these diseases again."

One illness, whooping cough, "never really went away," according to Alisen Guyet, Immunization Program coordinator with the Mobile Immunization Clinic.

The roving "vaccination mobile" was Mt. Trashmore's Kids Cove at Mount Trashmore last Wednesday. They are encouraging parents to act now to avoid rush.

Guyet said school age children aren't the only ones who should be receiving immunizations.

Infants need to be immunized "on time," too. Immunizations for infants should be given at 2 months of age, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 15

### DROP IN

The Virginia Beach Health Department Mobile Van will be at the Oceanfront Library on Aug. 19 and Kids Cove on Aug. 20. Times are 10 a.m. to noon each day.

To find out when the van will be in specific neighborhoods, call 631-4000.

months.

"It's five visits and you're done, and then they are all set until they are ready to start school," she noted.

The small group of families who turned out for the clinic at Mount Trashmore came for these and other reasons.

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# Dolphin tours making a splash



By Laura Bagby  
Intern

A slew of expectant faces peered over the edge into the foggy bleak waters below waiting for any signs of life, for something big to break the surface.

With video and still cameras ready, the participants swayed from one side of the deck to the other and from the stern to the bow watching for just one to jump or play.

After all that's the main reason visitors come to the deep at Rudee Inlet: to see the seasonal bottlenose dolphins jump and play.

But the action was slow this Monday morning on the Miss Virginia Beach, and the fog made visibility a problem.

As fast as Virginia Marine Science Museum volunteers Pam Young and Jimmie Ann Duffy could direct the viewers' attentions, the dolphins were back in the water hidden by the splashing waves and mist.

But everyone was hopeful nonetheless.

Photo by Laura Bagby

**DOLPHINS, CAMERAS, ACTION!** Despite the fog, eager dolphin watchers grabbed their camcorders, binoculars and cameras to capture bottlenose dolphins in the waters off Rudee Inlet last Monday morning.

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# Commentary

## Off to the fair

If urban dwellers have never experienced the sights, smells and sounds of a country fair, they're in for a treat when the Fair at the Beach opens Friday at Camp Pendleton.

The innovation, a version of the state fair of Virginia, is a lesson in regionalism. Five South Hampton Roads cities — Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk — are teaming to promote youth, education, agriculture and commerce.

They'll do this by highlighting the best aspects in each of their communities. During the 10-day run, visitors can enjoy two designated days each showcasing the individual cities comprising South Hampton Roads.

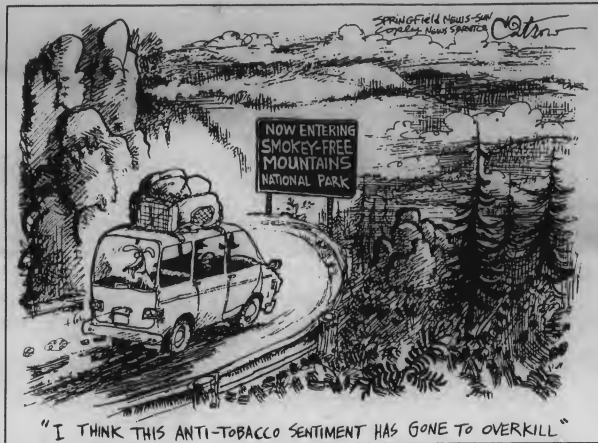
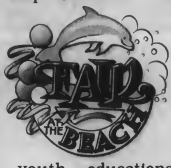
The area can also boast that A Fair at the Beach is a first. Although the State Fair of Virginia has held its mega-bash for almost 150 years, this the first year it has been slated at the regional level. For those who can't attend the Richmond-based fair in the fall, it's a wonderful opportunity for locals to celebrate their agricultural heritage.

Best of all, organizers plan to make it an annual event.

Finally, profits from Fair at the Beach will go back into the community. Proceeds will fund college and trade school educations for South Hampton Roads students, just like the State Fair of Virginia annually contributes thousands of dollars in scholarships to Virginia youth.

Gather up the family and make sure to visit A Fair at the Beach now through Aug. 10. Ride the giant Ferris Wheel and enjoy some cotton candy. Visit the agricultural and 4-H displays. Discover South Hampton Roads' past and what it plans for the future. Learn what makes each city great.

Off to the fair! — V.E.H.



## Expectations influence perceptions

I'm sure that the observation "what you see is what you get" is familiar enough to most folks these days.

The relative popularity of this expression is, by inference, an affirmation that sometimes you don't get

exactly what you think you see.



Out in Left Field

By Bob Ruegger, guest columnist

other words, what you expect to see controls what you see and how you see it.

Recently, my wife had some business matters to attend to in Greensboro, and she invited me along in order to have someone witty and charming to dine with in the evenings.

Being rather agreeable by nature, I consented to tag along.

I'm certainly glad that I did. During the day, while my wife was tending to business matters, I was free to pursue matters pertaining to the "higher orders" such as history, heritage and culture.

I had expected to enjoy my visit to Greensboro and I did.

Did my expectations influence my perceptions of Greensboro?

I am just as convinced of it as I am that what we anticipate influences our perceptions, and that outlook often has a direct bearing on outcome.

One of the rangers at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro went out of his way — it seemed — to make certain that I had a real appreciation of the conflict that took place at this battleground on the morning of March 15, 1781.

He suggested that I view a film in the park's auditorium before touring the battlefield, and he personally escorted me on a battlefield tour the following day. It made me feel like a VIP. Of course, he may do that for everyone who asks about a ranger-guided tour.

My perception was that this tour was an "extra" that the park ranger added because he perceived that I had a serious interest in understanding the historical significance of his park.

Although that tour at Guilford Courthouse greatly enhanced my visit to the area, I can't honestly say that it made my day. My visit to Tannenbaum Park and the Colonial Heritage Center also helped to satisfy my appetite for antiquity.

When I entered the Greensboro Historical Museum on Summit Avenue, I was greeted by a retired physics professor (possibly a museum volunteer) who gave me a rather detailed briefing on the exhibits in the museum and arranged a tour of some historic outbuildings that had been relocated on the museum grounds.

Again, I was made to feel very important. Her genuine concern that I did not miss anything of significance touched me.

After leaving the museum, I walked to the plaza outside the First Union Bank building where the piece de resistance awaited, Greensboro's tribute to author William Sydney Porter.

Porter, better known by his pseudonym O. Henry, wrote short stories with sentimental themes, sympathetic characters and surprise endings. O. Henry was the "master of the surprise

ending."

While I knew the O. Henry statue was in the plaza, I was pleasantly surprised by the memorial itself. It was not just a single bronze statue but three individual monuments.

Seeing those three sculptures reminded me of an O. Henry surprise ending. The first bronze figure depicted the author himself. A second icon represented two of his best-loved works: "The Gift of the Magi" and "The Ransom of Red Chief." The third monument of the set portrayed O. Henry's little dog, Lovey.

That made my day.

While the O. Henry memorial was somewhat of a surprise, I was not surprised that I really liked Greensboro. Remember, I had expected that my visit would enjoyable.

After all, any town that could produce a man who celebrated the best of human nature in the way that O. Henry did ought to be a good place to visit.

I'm certain that when O. Henry described the sleepy little Southern towns in his stories, the basis for those settings had to be Greensboro.

For example, the fictional town of Elmore, Arkansas in "A Retrieved Reformation" had a hotel, bank and drugstore; it was probably very much like young Will Porter's hometown. The author's romantic description of Elmore unmistakably conveys his affection for his boyhood home in Carolina.

Of course, O. Henry probably would not recognize Greensboro today. It's no longer the little town he remembered so fondly. Although O. Henry's town has grown into a commercial center, it has not abandoned its heritage. That, I'm sure, would have pleased O. Henry whose spirit still seems to roam Greensboro.

Just as it is difficult to dislike an O. Henry surprise ending, it is hard not to like Greensboro.

## Irony in Italy's opposition to our capital punishment

The Roman soldiers mocked Jesus. They dressed him in a red robe and put a crown of thorns on his head. Then they beat him and spat on him.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

Christians for many years, sometimes feeding them to the lions and cheering as the lions tore the flesh from men, women and children.

In 1935, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini attacked little Ethiopia using the latest in modern war weapons, while the Ethiopians under the leadership of Haile Selassie fought back with rocks and spears. The Ethiopians were slaughtered like flies by the Italians.

In 1936, Italy joined Hitler and Germany, who aided the Spanish rebels under Gen. Francisco Franco in winning the Spanish Civil War, killing thousands of innocent men, women and children in the process.

## Italy has been carrying out the death penalty since time immemorial.

Then they took on the allies, which was a big mistake. Nevertheless, many Americans were killed at the hands of the Italians during World II. When the Italians realized that they were losing the war, they shot Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci. Then they defiled the bodies by spitting, kicking, beating and hacking them up. They then strung them up by their heels and left them on display.

This is a country with a history of violence, killings and vendettas, a country that joined Adolph Hitler, who carried out the death sentences on 6 million Jews, and they don't believe in the death penalty? Give me a break.

The truth of the matter is that Italy has been carrying out the death penalty since time immemorial, they just don't want it done in the United States, especially Virginia.

If Gov. George Allen never gets credit for many of the good things he has done for Virginia, he should go down in history for standing up to Italy, the Pope, Mother Teresa and all the other bleeding hearts who tried to save Joseph O'Dell from paying the penalty for the brutal rape, sodomy and murder of Helen Scharner.

He had committed 17 known felonies and had been twice convicted for murder. He fit all the criteria for the death penalty.

I was happy to hear that Italy took him there to be buried. It gives us an extra hole for the next execution. Welcome to the real world.



## The Virginia Beach Sun Deadlines

News deadlines for The Virginia Beach Sun are Monday at 5 p.m. for the upcoming Friday's issue.

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✓ Pictures must be sharp, clear and accompanied with complete information.

✓ News may be brought or mailed in and should include the name and telephone numbers of the person submitting it.

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✓ All letters must carry the name and address of writer for verification.

✓ Letters should be addressed to: Editor, The Virginia Beach Sun, 138 South Rosemont Road, Suite 209, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452. Phone: 486-3430.

## Road trip was a ticket to ride

I marked my first big car trip — alone — on Friday. It was a big step. It's not that I was scared to put the pedal to the metal and drive some 200 miles down the road. I've just never had occasion to.

But then a call last month came from a dear college friend saying that her husband had died in an automobile accident.

My heart went out to her. Although the funeral had already passed, I knew Melissa needed a friend.

On Friday morning Evan woke me up as he was leaving for work around 6:45. I was still groggy for my last 15 minutes of slumber.

"OK, sweetie, you drive carefully. Don't speed," he chided.

I mumbled something in my half sleep.

"Don't pick up strangers," he added.

Another muffled response.

"Check the air in your tires," he urged.

I put the pillow over my face.

"Call AAA if the car breaks down. Use your cellular phone," he continued.

Snore.

Then the piece de resistance: "If a car tries to stop you and you're not sure it's a real police car, drive to a well-lit, well-populated place."

"OK, OK," I finally roared, eager to get a few more minutes of sleep. He was telling me things I'd heard a million times.

Kissing me as he left the bedroom, Evan added, "Just drive carefully. I love you, sweetie."

few speed traps) until I hit the city on the Dan River.

Even finding Melissa's house would be easy. All I had to do was make one right turn off Route 58, then go two miles.

I was set.

But, of course, Mom, Evan and even coworkers started to worry when I told them I'd never made a road trip over 90 minutes before.

But I was excited to be headed out onto the open road with the sunroof down and the wind in my hair. I could see myself flying down Route 58 with the music pumping and the clean country air in my nostrils. I would know what it's like to be free.

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After a busy day of interviews, I was on the road for Danville by 3:45 p.m., whipping past small country hamlets with charming stores and ramshackle houses.

I zipped past Franklin, Emporia and Laurensville, slowing in the speed traps of Broadnax and LaCrosse before hitting South Hill. It was slow moving through the downtown there, but then it was open pavement again.

But Buggs Island, Clarksville and Turberville went until finally pulling into Melissa's driveway at 7:45 p.m.

Exactly four hours on the road. Man, I felt good knowing I was distanced from the big city and could forget about life's hassles for a couple of days.

Sunday afternoon arrived too quickly. Although I had enjoyed my time in Danville, I was eager for the open road again. I'd had a taste of freedom and wanted to sample some more.

The ride back proved just as enjoyable. But I think Evan was a bit relieved when I pulled into the driveway around 8:30 p.m. — no accidents, no scratches, no kidnappings.

"Did you have a good time?" he asked as we settled down to a late supper.

I told him I had, and particularly that I'd relished my "maiden voyage." I even told him I wanted to do it more often.

He looked at me hesitantly, as if he was picking his words very carefully.

"Well, that's great, sweetie," he finally said. "But just don't pick up strangers. Call AAA if you break down..."

Know what I need? A good, long car trip to get away from all this helpful advice. Just point me in the direction!

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# Peasure walkers have trails galore

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## The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

The city of Virginia Beach has many attractive trails for use by our citizens. Walking for pleasure is the top activity of citizens in Virginia.

There are many recreational trails within our city parks. Most of our parks have ample parking for visitors and provide them with a variety of options for workouts and enjoyment.

■ **Beach Garden Park** - established in 1984, 12.9 acres. Located on the edge of Holly Lane behind the Holly Bend Condominiums and close to Holly Road and Laskin Road. Visitors may enjoy exercise stations along a 5-mile trail.

■ **Caroline Farms Neighborhood Park** - in the Kempsville section of the city. Offers views of unique natural habitats and views of the Elizabeth River along the newly-completed trail which is about a mile long.

■ **Great Neck Park** - 77-acre park providing a unique view of the Lynnhaven River from the Gazebo. Visitors may also enjoy exploring the small trails through the wooded areas. Great Neck Park is adjacent to Great Neck Community Recreation Center off Great Neck Road.

■ **Little Island Park** - off Sandpiper Road. Allows visitors beach access to stroll along the pristine Sandbridge beaches of southern Virginia Beach. If visitors desire, they may stroll along the beach into the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

■ **Mount Trashmore Park** - A sanitary landfill converted into a 165-acre park. Home of Kids Cove playground, Mount Trashmore also houses a variety of paved and unpaved trails.

Trails range from 1.3 miles around the mountain itself to 1.45 miles around the lake. Distance around the entire park is 1.95 miles, and for a figure-eight circuit, it is 2.75 miles. Visitors may also enjoy walking the Water Wave demonstration garden.

■ **Red Wing Park** - located off General Booth Boulevard. It is a 90-acre park which houses a 1.3-mile trail along the Fragrance Garden and a one-mile nature trail.

In addition to these park trails, the city has developed other trails for bicycles and walking which are not specifically in parks but connect neighborhoods.

These trails may also be of interest:

■ **Rosemont Road Trail**: This trail is from Lynnhaven Parkway along Rosemont Road to Dam Neck Road (1.4 miles).

■ **Landstown Meadows Trail**: This 3,000-foot paved trail stretches from Dam Neck Road to Winterberry Lane in the Landstown Meadow Neighborhood.

■ **Cape Henry Trail**: This is a city trail from West Great Neck Road to the entrance of First Landing State Park (1.1 mile).

■ **First Landing Seashore State Park**: This trail is from Cape Henry trail through the park to 64th Street (six miles).

■ **Ferrell Parkway Trail**: Ferrell Parkway from Indian River Road to Salem Road (2.4 miles).

■ **General Booth Boulevard Trail**: This long trail from Princess Anne Road to Red Wing Park, (2.6 miles);

to Owl Creek Boat Ramp/Virginia Marine Science Museum (2.1 miles); and over Rude Inlet Bridge to 5th Street (9 miles).

Other agencies have other trails within Virginia Beach:

■ **Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge**, 721-2412. Dike Trail, walking and biking, four miles, open from April-Oct. 31; Dune Trail, partially boardwalk, walking and biking, 1/2 mile; Seaside Trail, walking, 1/4 mile; and Bay Trail, walking, partially boardwalk, 4 miles.

■ **False Cape State Park**, 426-7128. The False Cape State Park Trail runs from the beginning of the park to the North Carolina line and is about six miles, walking and biking (sand for last 1 1/2 miles); Barbour Hill Trail (Bay to Ocean), walking and biking, 3.1 miles (sand last .3 of mile); South Inlet Trail, sandy, 4 miles; False Cape Landing Trail, sandy, 6 miles; Washwood Beach Trail, sandy, .8 miles; Washwood Interpretive Trail to ocean, sandy, .7 miles; Cemetery Trail, walking, 1/2 mile; Dudley Island Trail, walking, three miles; and, Ocean Bay Trail, sandy, .8 miles.

■ **First Landing State Park**, 481-2131. Bald Cypress Trail, walking, 1.5 miles; Osanthus Trail, walking, 3.1 miles; Cape Henry Bike Trail, six miles; Long Creek Trail, walking, five miles; Osprey Trail, walking, 1.2 miles; High Dune Trail, walking, 1/4 mile; King Fischer Trail, walking, .6 mile; White Hill Lake Trail, walking, 1.4 miles; and, Fox Run Trail, walking, .3 mile.

Two other agencies with trails that are near and around the city are Mackay Island State Park, (919) 429-3100, and the Nature Conservancy's North Landing River Preserve, (757) 295-6106.

Barry Frankenfield, Virginia Beach city planner, contributed to this column.

Police seek suspect in bank deposit robberies

Virginia Beach is experiencing an increase in robberies of customers at outdoor depositaries at bank locations.

On Wednesday, June 25 at about 6:30 p.m., a woman was making a deposit at a bank in the 300 block of Independence Boulevard. As she approached the depositary, a man appeared and demanded the money bag or he would shoot. She complied and gave him the money bag. The robber then left toward Penn Square Apartments.

The suspect is black, 22 to 25 years old, 5-feet-5 inches tall, 130 pounds, with short black hair. He was wearing a black baseball cap, a white T-shirt, black pants and tennis shoes.

Report any suspicious person around bank depositaries to police. If you have information on this crime or any other crime, call Crime Solvers at 427-0000. You could earn a cash reward and remain anonymous.



## Crime Solvers

By Det. Lou Chappell, Virginia Beach Police Department

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■ **First Landing State Park**, 481-2131. Bald Cypress Trail, walking, 1.5 miles; Osanthus Trail, walking, 3.1 miles; Cape Henry Bike Trail, six miles; Long Creek Trail, walking, five miles; Osprey Trail, walking, 1.2 miles; High Dune Trail, walking, 1/4 mile; King Fischer Trail, walking, .6 mile; White Hill Lake Trail, walking, 1.4 miles; and, Fox Run Trail, walking, .3 mile.

Two other agencies with trails that are near and around the city are Mackay Island State Park, (919) 429-3100, and the Nature Conservancy's North Landing River Preserve, (757) 295-6106.

Barry Frankenfield, Virginia Beach city planner, contributed to this column.

Police seek suspect in bank deposit robberies

Virginia Beach is experiencing an increase in robberies of customers at outdoor depositaries at bank locations.

On Wednesday, June 25 at about 6:30 p.m., a woman was making a deposit at a bank in the 300 block of Independence Boulevard. As she approached the depositary, a man appeared and demanded the money bag or he would shoot. She complied and gave him the money bag. The robber then left toward Penn Square Apartments.

The suspect is black, 22 to 25 years old, 5-feet-5 inches tall, 130 pounds, with short black hair. He was wearing a black baseball cap, a white T-shirt, black pants and tennis shoes.

Report any suspicious person around bank depositaries to police. If you have information on this crime or any other crime, call Crime Solvers at 427-0000. You could earn a cash reward and remain anonymous.

## Up close and personal

### Sandi Baum: Blazing the way

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

It wasn't a case of "induction by fire" when Capt. Sandi Baum joined Virginia Beach's police force in 1980. It was more like snow — lots of snow.

"I remember I was down at the range qualifying during that big snowstorm," she said. "We had curfew and everything. I remember a couple of times they had to come and pick me up in a four-wheel drive vehicle to take me to work. It was cold!"

The weather was not the only thing Baum has had to "weather" during her 17-year career with the police department. After being top student in her graduating class at the academy, she joined the force when women were a rarity. By Baum's estimate, the resort city had only three or four female officers when she signed on that February.

It was tough at first. "I'm kind of a tomboy and kind of bossy. It (law enforcement) is suited to my personality. I'm glad I was older, because it's a hard job coming in — especially for young women. It takes thick skin. It's difficult. There was a girl who was a police officer in Norfolk and lived near me. I'd see her at the 7-Eleven and talk with her, but she'd tell me, 'No, you don't want to do this! But I did. I really did.'"

Baum excelled in law enforcement. She was promoted to sergeant in 1989 and lieutenant just two years later, making her the city's first female police lieutenant. Her July 1 promotion to captain marks another first for women.

Baum would like to think she's breaking barriers for women interested in law enforcement.

"But I feel like they don't realize the help is there. Any advice or help I can give, I would love to. There are many men who can help them, too, and I really believe women should join police organizations," she noted.

As a 1990 member of the city's Strategic Planning Committee after the Labor Day (Greek Fest) riot at the oceanfront, Baum said her leadership abilities grew.

"It gave me insight into what the true problems of the city were. I think that's what helped me get promoted to lieutenant so quickly."

Baum has done the spectrum of police work. She's been in Uniform Patrol, Vice ("During which time I got shot," she noted), motorcycle, DARE, Homicide, Sex Crimes, and Public Affairs. At the oceanfront she was a shift director for three years, later becoming training director at the police academy.

Her new assignment is commanding officer of the Third Police Precinct.

"It's a big change," Baum said. "You get a lot more contact with Uniform Patrol and the citizens. We have a citizens advisory committee that meets with the command sector once a month to talk about the problems in their neighborhoods. It's really educational for me, and I get to see community policing work first-hand."

Baum commands 74 officers, not including new recruits, and 12 supervisors. Her duties include everything from discipline to keeping the building functional.

"You're responsible for the total operation of the precinct," she said. "The biggest difference for me has been not having a supervisor in the next office."

The job hasn't been without other adjustments, but Baum said she has had a lot of support and encouragement.

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But I suppose I have been given lots of nicknames that I'm probably not supposed to know!

**Occupation:** Commanding officer of the Third Police Precinct in Virginia Beach.

**Marital Status:** My husband, Tommy, is also with the police department and has been a great role model for me.

**Children:** My son James, 18, just graduated from high school and will be taking law enforcement classes in the fall so that he can become a police officer. As a member of the singing group Goodfellas, he will also be singing the National Anthem at Harbor Park this week.

My oldest son, Jason, 24, was retired from the 82nd Airborne after a very damaging parachute accident and will be attending college in the fall. He always keeps a positive mental attitude and has recovered enough to buy a motorcycle!

**"I feel ready for it — that all those things I did in the last 17 years were in preparation. But I still have a lot to learn."**

Capt. Sandi Baum

**Favorite movies:** I loved the story of "Braveheart," yet I also like any movie that makes me laugh.

**Magazines I read regularly:** Various law enforcement journals and *Reader's Digest*.

**Favorite authors:** Steven Covey, Sue Grafton's murder mystery series and Pat Conroy.

**Favorite night on the town:** After spending the day in the sun, I most enjoy dressing up and going to dinner somewhere that you can dance.

**Favorite restaurant:** I can only get there on special occasions, but I love Le Chambord.

**Favorite meal and beverage:** There's nothing better than quesadillas and margaritas in a good Mexican restaurant like Cinco de Mayo.

**What most people don't know about me:** I have a green thumb and can keep most any kind of plant alive and growing. For 10 years I've had a Diffenbachia from which I started over

15 new plants. They make great gifts.

**Best thing about myself:** I listen.

**Worst habit:** Second-guessing myself, I think.

**Pets:** We have two noisy parakeets (Gertrude and Heathcliff), and there are several half-breed ducks that come to my back door for bread every morning.

**Ideal vacation:** Diving in Grand Cayman.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy in-line skating, gardening and boating on the Miss Bay Haven.

**Pet peeves:** People who are not motivated, a messy house and slow traffic all drive me crazy! I am definitely a Type A personality.

**First job:** I guess the first job I had was working the soda fountain at a Peoples Drug Store serving cherry Cokes.

**Worst job:** I guess the worst job I ever had was also working the soda fountain at a Peoples Drug Store serving cherry Cokes.

**Favorite sports team:** I'm loyal to Kempsville High School boys soccer team (number one in the nation) because my brother is their coach. I also like the spirit and enthusiasm of the Virginia Roadsters (women's fastpitch softball).

**Favorite musicians:** Joni Mitchell, Yanni and anything recorded under the Windham Hill label.

**Most embarrassing moment:** When I was investigating a sexual assault, I was at Virginia Beach General Hospital emergency room waiting to receive evidence from one of the doctors who had examined the victim. This woman dressed in white kept handing me the evidence kit, and I kept telling her I needed the doctor's signature on it. Finally, she told me "I am the doctor." And there I was, of all people, humiliated to find that I had been looking for a male doctor. Please forgive me, Dr. Suzanne Love.

**I would like my epitaph to read:** "She made a positive difference."

**If I received \$1 million:** I would take everyone in my family and my husband's family on a cruise, increase my yearly pledge to the United Way and take a sabbatical to further my education.

**If I had 10 minutes on national television:** I would talk about the importance of having an open mind and always listening.

## This contest will prove how the cookie crumbles

Crumbling cookies could spell disaster for those who enter the Fair at the Beach Cookie Contest.

Those interested in showing off their talents will have the opportunity to enter a contest where only the best wins.

The competition will be held Sunday, Aug. 3 in the Home Arts Tent. Entries are due between 1 and 2 p.m. Judging will be at 3 p.m. Anyone may submit cookies for the contest.

There is a special category for those grandmothers work cooperatively with grandchildren and submit a joint entry.

Everyone is eligible to enter. There is no age requirement.

According to Marilyn Wetton, home arts coordinator, cookie entries should be uniform in shape, baked evenly and not too thin. The cookie should be tender or crisp, depending on the type, but it should not be gritty or

crumble too easily.

The flavor should be agreeable and not carry any taste of the shortening used. Six cookies should be arranged on a paper plate with name and address on a three-by-five card stapled to the underside. Enclose the entire plate in a plastic bag. No cookies will be returned.

One mammoth-sized cookie may be submitted in the grandparent/grandchild category. The cookie should be placed on a firm, but disposable tray or plate.

It should have the same characteristics as the cookies in the first category. The giant cookie should be covered with plastic wrap and include names and address on a three-by-five card. No cookie will be returned.

Judges will be experts from Sugar Plum Bakery and Johnson and Wales University.

For more information, call 427-3580, ext. 506.

Name: Sandi Baum.

**What brought you to this area:** The Highway Department tore down my house in Minnesota, so I came back to where my parents were living.

**Hometown:** Growing up I lived wherever the Navy wanted to move my father, but I've been in Virginia Beach for the last two decades.

**Age:** Old enough to have two adult sons, but still young enough to enjoy everything!

**Nickname:** I prefer to be called Sandi because Sandra is too formal.



# Teens experience life 'down under'

## People to People ambassadors go 'Aussie' for student exchange

By M.J. Knoblock  
Correspondent

Picture yourself in a land far away.

Where you lose a day in travel to the other side of the world.

Where animals you've only seen in zoos roam the countryside.

Where they use strange currency and drive on the other side of the road.

Where there are no Taco Bells and beef is what's for dinner every night.

Where people speak a different brand of English.  
G'day, mate! Welcome to Australia!

A dozen Virginia Beach teens found themselves in the "land down under" this summer, learning as much about an alternate culture as they did about themselves.

Part of the People to People

Student Ambassador Program, the youths and their chaperone joined a contingent of more than 75 Americans from Hampton Roads, Michigan and Indiana for three weeks in Australia.

They came back with a better understanding and appreciation of international culture.

A handful of middle schoolers related their Australian experience — from the hippies in Byron Bay, to the Great Barrier Reef to cattle ranching in the Outback.

The students said they first noticed a difference on the airplane. Traveling 23 hours in all, they found the flight attendants on Qantas a positive first impression of Aussies.

In comparison, they liked it much better than the American carrier counterparts. The plane was bigger, the movies were free, the flight attendants more polite.

Upon arrival, they found a country more tropical than their own.

"It's not too different from American culture, but it is different," said Lou Magpantar, 12.

At first, the accents sounded odd, but Magpantar said he grew accustomed to it rather quickly.

The biggest barrier in communication was the difference in words.

Try saying biscuits for cookies; chips for French fries and going to Hungry Jack's instead of Burger King.

If you have to go to the restroom, make sure you ask for the dunny.

The student ambassadors also found the Aussies to be much more environmentally-conscious than Americans.

"I didn't see as much litter and pollution," said Matthew Pickering, 13.

The rivers, streams and streets were cleaner "because people care more."

In any case, the warm climate of the Tropic of Capricorn influences daily life.

"When we went, it was in the winter," noted Rosclynn Hummel, 12. "It felt like it was 80 degrees out there. You could wear shorts mostly every day, except in Sydney, I had to wear pants there, 'cause it was too cold."

Thirteen-year-old Brett Helke found the country's landscape much different than the one he is used to.

"You can be in one city, where it would be all coastal and stuff," he explained. "You could drive two hours and be in the mountains. Even if there's beach there, you have mountains right behind you, like the Blue Mountains are right there."

With an emphasis on entertainment, Helke found he enjoyed the Outback.

"We stayed with Australian families and most of the time, we talked at dinner and stuff," Helke said. "In the evenings after dinner, the families showed us what they do for entertainment."

The youngsters learned new dances and songs.

"They had bonfires out in the woods," Helke added. "The father of the family would play the guitar and we'd sit around the fire."

Cattle ranchers taught them how to crack a real whip, something many of them bought and brought back to the states.

Another form of entertainment



**WORLD TRAVELERS.** Sydney was the first Australian city that the People to People student ambassadors visited. The young teens learned about the country's culture and people during a three-week stay.

which couldn't be overlooked is Australia's passion for sports.

One of the country's four television channels is dedicated completely to sports.

Adam Acampora, 14, was one of the few brave enough to try his hand at one of the Aussie's favorite pastimes — rugby.

"It hurt! I had a girl level me twice! I'm like twice her size and it was pretty embarrassing. He was on the sidelines, laughing," smiled Acampora, gesturing to his friend, Charles Folsom.

They observed the ways of the Aborigines as well, including boomerang throwing, spear tossing and hunting skills.

Don't ask them if they learned anything.

You'll be met with blank stares and bashful smiles.

But don't let that fool you.

Their parents can see the value of the experience, even if the students haven't quite figured it out yet.

"They really learned a lot, they just don't realize what they learned," explained Shirley Pickering, whose son, Matthew, made the trip.

"From my perspective, it was a doorway for Charles — what his dreams can be and how far he can take them," said Sheryl Lynn Folsom. "For most of these kids it was their first time away from home."

Not only did they learn about Australian culture, they learned about responsibility.

"They had to learn to get themselves up, do their own laundry, make sure they ate right," Sheryl Lynn noted.

A special name tag was their



**DOWN UNDER.** Virginia Beach resident Charles Folsom, 13, makes friends with a young kangaroo at Wildworld Park in Cairns, Australia.

meal ticket. If they didn't wear it, they didn't eat.

Each hotel or homestay accommodation required a different roommate. The students were encouraged to get along with people they didn't know.

"It wasn't just them going, there was a lot involved in it," said Shirley. "It's not just packing off and going. They had a lot of preparation before they went."

For starters, the students had to be selected for the trip. This involved filling out an application, providing character references, attending meetings and being interviewed by a special committee.

Professional, business and

educational leaders looked for maturity, well-rounded interests, the ability to adapt and academic standing.

Once chosen, the students had to raise money to pay for the trip. While participation in numerous fundraisers made a dent in the expenses, many teens turned to their local churches or civic organizations for sponsorship.

Some of them are now required to give a presentation to their benefactors, telling them about the trip.

Others may earn high school credits from the trip by writing a paper, due in a few weeks.

The Great Neck-Virginia Beach AARP Chapter 4643 will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2541 Shorehaven Dr.

The Parrot Head Club of Tidewater will meet Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Duck-In on Shore Drive at 7:30 p.m. Call 482-4937 for more information.

The Retired Officers Wives Society of Tidewater will hold its August luncheon at the Lake Wright Resort, Dominion Hall, on Aug. 14. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. Gary Kimmach will speak on "How to care for your automobile." For reservations, call Lucy Page, 464-4460. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Monday, Aug. 11 at 5 p.m.

The Pungo-Blackwater Library (922 Princess Anne Rd.) presents Larry Van Nostrand, the "Singing Storyteller," during a Summer Reading Club program of songs and stories, on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. This activity is for ages 3 to 14. Call 426-5194 to register. Participation is limited to 50.

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library will hold its next used book sale from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in Virginia Beach. Books available will cover all subjects and prices are very low. Admission is free and there is no limit of the number of books that can be purchased.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Tom Glickman will speak on AARP's "55-ALIVE" program for mature drivers. Visitors are welcome. At 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Call 426-2302 or 427-5642 for information.



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# Fair at the Beach

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The State Fair of Virginia has hosted its annual party in Richmond for nearly 150 years. ARE has produced the event since 1946. This is the first year it has been slated at the regional level.

"We realize many folks haven't experienced the State Fair," said ARE Vice President and General Manager Kieh Hessey. "This is a wonderful opportunity for South Hampton Roads communities to be a part of the state event and celebrate their agricultural heritage. We plan for this to become an annual event."

Profits from Fair at the Beach will help fund college and trade school educations for South Hampton Roads students. The state fair annually contributes thousands of dollars in scholarships to Virginia's youth.

The fair will bring down-home entertainment to country folks and city slickers alike.

Milking a cow isn't a skill city kids usually learn, but if they're curious enough, they'll get a hands-on lesson during Fair at the Beach.

The cow-milking display is just one agricultural exhibit in the Fun Barn, although real cows will not be used in this milking lesson.

Melvin Atkinson, a spokesman for the Virginia Beach Department of Agriculture, said the "cow" is actually fiberglass with insides comprised of plumbing and powdered milk.

"These exhibits are an excellent way for everyone to learn more about the rich agricultural heritage of the South Hampton Roads area," said Atkinson.

## FAIR INFO

**What:** Fair at the Beach, a new regional fair planned cooperatively by five South Hampton Roads cities. It showcases education, agriculture and commerce.

**When:** Aug. 1-10. Each city will have two designated days to highlight its community—Virginia Beach, Aug. 1-2; Chesapeake, Aug. 3-4; Portsmouth, Aug. 5-6; Suffolk, Aug. 7-8; and Norfolk, Aug. 9-10.

**Where:** Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach.

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m.; Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday-Sunday, noon-midnight.

**Cost:** Adults, \$5; children 4-12 and senior citizens 60 and over, \$4; children 3 and under, free.

**Information:** Call 427-3580, ext. 506.

More agricultural wonders include a 400-bale straw maze for all ages to wander through, and plenty of live farm animals to see, such as dairy and beef cattle, hogs, goats, sheep, mule, draft horses, rabbits, poultry and more.

Entries of the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market Giant Vegetable Contest will be displayed in the Agriculture Tent, and Master Gardeners will demonstrate planting techniques, flower arranging and lawn care.

Antique buffs will enjoy the Tidewater Antique Engine Club's display of farm equipment, tractors and farm implements from the Chippokes Plantation in Surry, home of the Virginia Antique Farm Equipment Museum.

Those with a penchant for municipal history will get a treat when South Hampton Roads cities share what makes their part of the region unique. Each city has been designated two days for a special display of artifacts, museums and items particular to their community.

Fair at the Beach visitors also will see live sheep-herding demonstrations, horse training, K-9 demonstrations and miniature

horse displays.

Since food and fairs go hand-in-hand, the event will have plenty. Hot dogs, funnel cakes, sausage sandwiches, cotton candy and other traditional fair treats will be abundant.

Children and adults interested in showing off their cookie-baking talents will have the opportunity to enter a contest in which only the best will win. The contest will be held Sunday, Aug. 3 in the Home Arts Tent. Entries are due between 1 and 2 p.m. Judging will be at 3 p.m.

Anyone can submit a cookie for the contest, and there is a special category in which grandparents can work cooperatively with grandchildren and submit a joint entry.

Other home arts exhibitors include Johnson's Quilters, The Flax Team from the Francis Land House Museum, Warwick Bowmen archery experts, Tidewater Carvers and Whittlers, Hummingbird Bookbinding, Lace-making by Sandy Craig, Riddick's Folly Historical Site and the Bookkeepers Association. Artisans also will display the ancient but timeless craft of spinning and weaving fleece into beautiful shawls.

Admission to Fair at the Beach is \$5, with children younger than 3 free, children to 12 and senior citizens \$4 each. All featured daily entertainment is free with admission. Ride and game costs are additional. Parking is free on 70 acres adjacent to the fairgrounds.



**SCIENCE LESSON.** First season Virginia Marine Science Volunteer Jimmie Ann Duffy gives a lesson in marine animal life as Meghan Frank and Matthew Beckie listen on the dock of the Miss Virginia Beach.

## Dolphin tours attract watchers

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"Sometimes it looks like they are right at Sea World," said Dolly Hafne, relating her experience with watching playful dolphins. There was a note of wonder in her voice as she waited for some dolphin acrobatics.

Six-year-old Meghan Frank of Norfolk was another expectant viewer. Although she had seen plenty of television programs about the gentle creatures, this was the first time Meghan had ever seen a live dolphin.

The boat ride was just one activity planned in celebration of Meghan's seventh birthday. "I think it's terrific," said mother Tracy Frank about the boat tour. "I enjoy it most because she enjoys it so much."

Although the dolphins were not nearly as playful on this day, several viewers enjoyed watching a group of five dolphins riding the surf at the stern of the boat.

Bottlenose dolphins are the most common marine mammals in Virginia. Over three hundred bottlenose dolphins migrate to Virginia Beach for the summer season, arriving sometime in April and May during their mating season.

The gestation period for these dolphins is a year. They nurse for 12 to 18 months. The standard calf at birth is 3.5 feet long and adults can be as long as 11 feet, and can weigh as much as 1,000 pounds.

Although bottlenose dolphins

are a type of small toothed whale like the porpoise they are much more playful and much larger than their relative.

The two-hour dolphin watching tours continue daily through Aug. 30, departing at 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children aged 11 years and under.

Visitors are urged to take precautions if prone to motion sickness.



**"FIN-LAND."** Tour watchers delighted in seeing bottlenose dolphins ride the waves while taking the Virginia Marine Science Museum's dolphin watching boat trip.

## Annual art show set for weekend

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation will hold the 22nd Annual Princess Anne Park Art and Craft Festival in partnership with Fair at the Beach on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival will feature artists from throughout the country displaying and selling original art and craft items, including media such as clay, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, photography and wood.

Raki firing demonstrations at the Princess Anne Art and Craft Festival will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. by the Ceramic Designers Association.

Other ongoing demonstrations will feature glass blowing, painting, pot throwing, porcelain painting, wood crafting, puppet making, silhouette cutting, jewelry making, doll making, wire wrapping and blacksmithing.

Musical entertainment at the Princess Anne Art and Craft Festival will feature the Jae Sinnett Trio, H.M. Johnson Band, Against All Odds, Kevin Davis and Ben Carie Quartet and Hot Cakes.

Additional children's entertainment and activities will include Zappie the Clown, face painting, puppet shows, ventriloquist, jugglers, storytellers, magic shows and

music.

The entertainment schedule on the Main Stage includes:

■ Saturday, Aug. 2 - 10 a.m.-noon, H.M. Johnson Trio; 12:30-2:30 p.m., Against All Odds; and, 3:45-5 p.m., Jae Sinnett Trio.

■ Sunday, Aug. 3 - 11 a.m.-noon, Michael Mulvaney; 12:30-2:30 p.m. Kevin Davis and Ben Carie Quartet; and, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Hot Cakes.

The Children's Stage schedule includes:

■ Saturday, Aug. 2 - 10-11 a.m., Youth Activities Talent Show; 11:15-11:45 a.m., The Tyrone Travis and Tilford Show; noon-12:45 p.m., Tidewater Leisure Ministries Puppet Show; 1:15-1:30 p.m., Susan Corbett; 1:45-2:35 p.m., C-Shell; 2:45-3:15 p.m., Tim Nolan; 3:30-4 p.m., The Tyrone Davis and Tilford Show; and, 4:15-4:45 p.m., Merman's Magical Mania.

■ Sunday, Aug. 3 - noon-12:30 p.m. to be announced; 12:45-1:45 p.m., Aransas the Storyteller; 2:45 p.m., Tidewater Leisure Ministries Puppet Show; 3:30-3:50 p.m., Merman's Magical Mania; and, 3:45-4:30 p.m., Tidewater Leisure Ministries Puppet Show.

For additional information about the Princess Anne Park Art and Craft Festival, contact Special Events at 471-5884, TDD 471-5839.

## HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

### Stevens new member of Sentara Medical Group

Dr. Lisa Price Stevens, M.D., has joined NDC Medical Center, a member of Sentara Medical Group.

She is an internal medicine physician with special interests in preventive medicine and women's health issues. Stevens earned her bachelor of science degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga. in 1989. She received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Virginia

Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia in 1993. She did post-graduate training at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, completing her internship and residency programs in 1994 and 1996.

Stevens is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the American College of Physicians.

In 1996, she was selected to present findings on breast examination and mammography at the annual meeting of the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine in New Orleans, La.



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## Immunization clinics

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Susan Compton brought her sons, Adam and Alex.

"We just wanted to make sure our shots were up to date, — and they were," she smiled.

Janice Low brought twin toddlers who had been coming to the mobile clinics since their first shots.

"I calculated how much it would have cost me the first time I got their shots. For twins it was something like \$300, and our insurance doesn't cover any Well Baby care — needless to say shots," she said. "It's been wonderful and the staff is excellent."

Immunization Clinic hours and locations are:

■ Department of Public Health  
3432 Virginia Beach Blvd., Monday through Friday, 8:15 to 10 a.m. and Monday through Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.

■ WIC Offices, Oceanfront Office, 1091 Norfolk Ave., Monday, 1 to 3 p.m., and Green Run Office, 4080 Foxwood Dr., Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m.

■ Hospital-based clinics (second Saturday of each month) — Virginia Beach General Hospital, Radiation/Oncology Unit, 10 a.m. to noon; BaySide Sentara Hospital cafeteria, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For the next location of the Virginia Beach Health Department Mobile Van, call 631-4000.

# Youths say "YES" to science

By Sandra Barker  
Correspondent

The sound of tiny, whirling motors filled the classroom as six fledgling scientists fine-tuned their circuit boards.

Through a summer course called "Electrical Connections" offered at Virginia Wesleyan College by Resources In Science Education (RISE), students aged 10 to 13 are learning about electricity, magnetism and

resistance.

Each student produced a circuit board complete with wire-wrapped coil, electric lamp, switch, motor, batteries, wires and alligator clips. The finished board could function as a light, fan, saw or electromagnet.

Merri Ehrhard, scientist instructor for Young Explorers in Science, "They've also learned some valuable life skills, like how to strip a wire."

Although instruction is given to the students, Ehrhard said they primarily "learn by doing."

After a hard year in school, she said, "You don't want to hit these kids with a lot of book work. So, it's mostly hands on. It's important that they learn to figure a way to solve a problem themselves."

Ehrhard, who has lived and taught in Mexico, Chicago, Nicaragua, Italy, Tennessee, Georgia and Hawaii, now lives in Norfolk and has been teaching with RISE for the last year.

She enjoyed teaching the five day explorer's class, saying, "These kids are great. They are so into it; they're really interested in what they're doing."

Logan Chariker of Portsmouth, 11, enjoyed building the circuit board. When Logan inserted an iron nail into the center of the wire-wrapped coil and flipped the switch on his circuit board, the nail shot outward.

Ehrhard explained the process. "If you wrap a wire around a coil and then allow electricity to pass through the wire, there is a concentrated magnetic field in the coil. You can't see it, but it's there. By putting an iron core, like a nail, inside, you create a very powerful electromagnet. When the switch is turned on, the student sees how the magnet reacts."

Ehrhard's daughter, Graham, 11, displayed a cardboard fan which she had attached to one end of her motor. The girl smiled as the motion of the small blades fanned the air and ruffled her hair.

A few moments later, Graham called out, "Mom, Chris is cutting the insulation off the wire."

Ehrhard answered, "Well, that's a really ingenious use of his motor. That's terrific."

A perfect example of learning by doing.

Young Explorers in Science is a program offered by RISE, a non-profit educational organization based in West Virginia. RISE was founded in 1988 by John Burnam to provide hands-on student programs and teacher workshops throughout Virginia and West Virginia.

Eight sessions were offered during two weeks of classes in July at Virginia Wesleyan College. Children participated in hands-on laboratory activities under the guidance of scientist teachers. Classes are designed to stimulate interest in and enthusiasm for science in a fun setting.

This is the first summer the Young Explorer program has been offered on the Southside.

Christopher Newport University will host its third year of the science program later this summer. The classes proved so popular on the peninsula that there is a waiting list for openings.

In addition to the class in "Electrical Connections," Ehrhard also taught a class called "Nature in the Lab" for 8- and 9-year-olds. Students learned the uses of materials from nature and how they were used by pioneers and Native Americans. They learned to boil, filter, bake, grind and extract materials.

Ehrhard said, "For instance, if you wanted to paint the walls, you didn't just run over to Norfolk Paint and help yourself. You had to crush berries."

Across the hall from the "Electrical Connections" class, was the morning "Chemistry Lab" taught by Suzanne Rios.

After young chemists learned about such things as separating mixtures, pH tests, flame tests and safe and proper procedures in

the lab, they ended the week by building their own fire extinguisher and taking it home.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF  
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kenneth E. Stine and Robin Lynne Stine, husband and wife, to William E. Buynr, Trustee, on January 11, 1994, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3351, Page 1335, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at 9:00 A.M., August 14, 1997, at the front entrance of the Virginia Beach Judicial Center, Building 10, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the following real property: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, known, numbered and designated as Lot 15, Block J, Birchwood Gardens, Section 2, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Map Book 41, at page 13.

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Pursuant to the Decree of Sale entered by the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach on April 26, 1996 and the Order entered July 11, 1997 in the matter of ALICE L. ETHERIDGE v. DOROTHY ADAIR, ET AL., In Chancery No. CH93-626, James M. Pickrell, Jr. Special Commissioner, having been authorized to, will offer the below described property for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 A.M. on August 12, 1997, on the steps of Building 10 of the Virginia Beach Judicial Center facing the circular driveway and the new parking lot in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia; the said property being described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract of land, containing eleven (11) acres, more or less, situated near Piney Grove Church, in the County of Princess Anne, Virginia, and is the same land conveyed to Samson Shaw by the heirs of Meredith Durden, deceased, and conveyed by the said Shaw and wife to John T. Woodhouse.

IT BEING a part of the same property that was conveyed to the said Norfolk Federal Savings and Loan Association by Princess Anne and Norfolk Mutual Building and Loan Association by its Deed dated May 29, 1937, duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Princess Anne County in Deed Book 188, Page 286.

Less and except the following conveyances (i) Ernest and Ella Mae Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 690, Page 399; (ii) William C. Etheridge, Jr. and Rose Anna Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 697, Page 231; (iii) William C. Etheridge, Jr. and Rosanna Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 703, Page 536; (iv) Robert Etheridge and Frances Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 704, Page 262; (v) and Wayne S. Flora and Richard W. Hancock, by Deed recorded in Deed Book 1156, Page 84.

The successful bidder will be required to pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price at the time of the sale and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in full and settlement made within twenty (20) days thereafter. Deed will be conveyed to Special Warranty. The successful bid will be subject to confirmation and acceptance by the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach as to all terms thereof including price.

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### Public Notice

NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, August 12, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:  
KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH  
1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Jerry Spiker. Property is located at 928 Ballylorn Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.  
CHANGE OF ZONING  
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:  
BAYSIDE BOROUGH  
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Gray Lumber Co.,

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Photo by Sandra Barker

**YES THEY CAN.** Junior scientists Graham, left, and Logan Chariker perfect their experiments during a special week-long camp at Virginia Wesleyan.

## — Home Improvement —

# Furniture Medic rescues, restores

By Margaret Windley  
Correspondent

Sick of your sofa? Tired of your tables? Rather than go into debt buying more, restore them.

Furniture Medic comes to the rescue.

Fixing furniture is a family affair for Michael and Jeannie Mousetis, the owners of the Furniture Medic franchise serving Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Suffolk. But the couple and their teen-aged sons, Chris and Tim, have a way with furniture that can heal any number of problems.

Michael, who has received special training from the company with problem furniture, knows the arts of refinishing, reconditioning, repairs and re-upholstery.

Although there can be little division of labor with a small business, Jeannie not only helps her husband with the work of the shop, but also

operates as business manager. She handles phone calls and sets up appointments and deliveries. Her work also has an organizational component.

With Furniture Medic Jeannie's only work outside the

**"I like taking something that is old and beat up and making it look new."**

Michael Mousetis, owner of Furniture Medic

home, she coordinates the location of replacement parts and various fabrics.

Working with furniture is a special love for Michael. "I like taking something that is old and beat up and making it look new," he said. "I like to

mess around fixing things."

Fascinated with working with his hands, Michael also serves as a health and physical education teacher in Poquoson. He became interested in furniture repair and refinishing as a means of profiting after school hours and during summers.

In his office he pointed out a coffee table that used to be a library table before it was cut down for a woman who had had it in her house since childhood. "She wanted it spruced up," he said, "and to remove nicks and scratches and put on a nice finish."

The business started originally in the Mousetis' garage two and a half years ago. It has now grown to the point that it operates on the second floor of a small building at 213 30th Street, Newport News.

They serve Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Suffolk and provide furniture pick-up and delivery. For more information, call 928-3325, 622-5492, 874-2858 or 427-0433. The fax number is 874-9445.

The Furniture Medic franchise for Virginia Beach is owned by Steve Williams, 1252 Brahm's Dr., Virginia Beach. The phone number is 427-0433. Williams and Mousetis have worked together on large contracts.



Photo by Margaret Windley

**THE GENTLE TOUCH.** Michael Mousetis gives his personal attention to oiling furniture at Furniture Medic. The business serves several cities in the Hampton Roads area.

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a VA Corporation, Grayland Company, L.P., NationsBank, N.A. and Elmon T. Gray for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional H-1 Hotel District on the south side of Cleveland Street, 350 feet more or less east of Newtown Road.

The proposed zoning classification change to H-1 is for hotel land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business/research center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.44 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

## LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Nicholas & Vicki Russo v/a Nicholas Victoria Hair Studio for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on the west side of Old Central Neck Road, north of Kenstock Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 is for neighborhood business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 521 Old Great Neck Road, Suite 1, and contains 1.008 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

## KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

4. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Department of Economic Development for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District and I-2 Heavy Industrial District to I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located at the northeast and northwest intersections of Bendix Road and the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. The proposed zoning classification change to I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for public, institutional, government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 16.01 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Department of Economic Development for a Conditional Use Permit for a television transmission facility on certain property located at the northeast and northwest intersections of Bendix Road and the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. Said parcels contain 16.01 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## 6. An Ordinance upon Application of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the west side of Lynnhaven Drive, north of Virginia Beach Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 333 Lynnhaven Drive and contains 17,440 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Courthouse Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church at the northeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Primrose Lane. Said property is located at 1347 & 1351 Lynnhaven Parkway and contains 1.068 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

## CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

## LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Linkhorn Bay Associates, L.L.C., a VA Limited Liability Co., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from H-1 Hotel District, B-1 Neighborhood Business District, B-2 Community Business District and R-40 Residential District to a PD-H2 Overlay on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From H-1 to A-24 with a PD-H2 Overlay located on the north side of Laskin Road, west of Oriole Drive.

Parcel 2: From B-1 to A-24 with a PD-H2 Overlay located 160 feet more or less north of Laskin Road, west of Oriole Drive.

Parcel 3: From B-2 to A-24 with a PD-H2 Overlay located on the north side of Laskin Road, west of Oriole Drive.

Parcel 4: From R-40 to A-24 with a PD-H2 Overlay located 150 feet more or less north of Laskin Road, west of Oriole Drive.

The proposed zoning classification change to A-24 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 24 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recom-

mends use of this parcel for retail/service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 4.02 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AE City Clerk

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## Public Notice

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

## CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

## 1. Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the boundaries of the Princess Anne County Courthouse Historic and Cultural Overlay District, as follows:

Delete the Historic and Cultural Overlay District from the following parcels:

GPIN 1494 60 5833 0000, 1.161 acres located at 2628 North Landing Road;

GPIN 1494 74 0980 0000, 2.776 acres located at 2612 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 74 0929 0000, 4 acre more or less located at 2309 Morgan Meadows Ct;

GPIN 1494 64 6109 0000, 1.630 acres located at 2625 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 64 4297 0000, 2 acre located at 2629 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 64 2494 0000, 1 acre more or less located at 2641 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494, 64 1457 0000, 9.867 acres located at 2641 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 54 9202 0000, 1.320 acres located 620 feet more or less west of Princess Anne Road and 650 feet more or less north of Judicial Blvd.;

GPIN 1494 54 4151 0000, 3 acres located at 2673 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 53 5782 0000, 16.682 acres located at 2673 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 63 1439 0000, 7.490 acres located 880 feet more or less west of Princess Anne Road and 350 feet more or less north of Judicial Blvd.;

GPIN 1494 63 3867 0000, 1 acre more or less located at 2621 Princess Anne Road.

Delete the Historic and Cultural Overlay District from a portion of the following parcels:

GPIN 1494 51 6777 0000, 92.263 acres located north of North Landing Road and west of West Neck Road extended;

GPIN 1494 61 6856 0000, 20.260 acres located north of North Landing Road and east of West Neck Road extended;

GPIN 1494 34 1160 0000,

414.305 acres located north of North Landing Road and west of Princess Anne Road.

Change the zoning district classification on the following parcels from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District with the Historic and Cultural District Overlay:

GPIN 2404 04 3476 0000, 4.48 acres located at 2356 Holland Road;

GPIN 2404 03 8344 0000, 2 acres more or less located at 2365 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 71 1651 0000, 3.933 acres located 380 feet southwest of George Mason Drive, approximately 500 feet north of North Landing Road.

Change the zoning district classification on a portion of the following parcels from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District with the Historic and Cultural District Overlay:

GPIN 2404 04 4105 0000, 1.031 acres located at 2224 Holland Road;

GPIN 2404 04 7298 0000, 13.990 acres located on the north side of Princess Anne Road, 160 feet more or less east of Holland Road;

GPIN 2404 03 6378 0000, 2.460 acres located at 2369 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 2404 03 5242 0000, 2.7 acres located at 2373 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 70 4773 0000, 4 acres located at the southeast corner of West Neck Road and North Landing Road;

GPIN 1494 70 3383 0000, 4 acre more or less located at 2629 West Neck Road;

GPIN 1494 74 4346 0000, 4.872 acres located at the north quadrant of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Ferrell Parkway;

GPIN 1494 71 4902 0000, 5.657 acres located at 2509 George Mason Drive;

GPIN 1494 51 6777 0000, 92.263 acres located north of North Landing Road and west of West Neck Road extended;

GPIN 1494 61 6856 0000, 20.260 acres located north of North Landing Road and east of West Neck Road extended;

GPIN 1493 79 2102 0000, 94.530 acres located at 2657 West Neck Road.

The proposed changes to the Historic & Cultural District boundaries do not change the underlying zoning classification, permitted use or density of the property. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

## 2. An Ordinance upon Application of Shear Designs, Patricia J. Cannon for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, south of Las Cruces Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 is for neighborhood business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1990 General Booth Boulevard and contains 16,522 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

## 3. An Ordinance upon Application of Boss Daniel Corp. for a change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to A-36 Apartment District on certain property located on the west side of Village Drive beginning at a point 430.25 feet south of Laskin Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-36 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

## 4. An Ordinance upon Application of Boss Daniel Corp. for a Conditional Use Permit for apartments for the elderly on certain property located on the west side of Village Drive, 430.25 feet south of Laskin Road. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

## 5. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater United Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church and a day care center on the south side of North Landing Road, 800 feet more or less east of West Neck Road, and the east side of West Neck Road, approximately 930 feet south of North Landing Road. Said parcel contains 10.66 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

## 6. An Ordinance upon Application of The Beach

Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a parking lot addition for an existing church on the west side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Gunn Hall Road. Said parcel is located at 1817 General Booth Boulevard and contains 3.92 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

## 7. An Ordinance upon Application of Mayfair Management, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an assisted living facility for the elderly facility on certain property located at the southwest intersection of Greenwich Road and Norfolk &amp; Southern Railroad Right-of-Way. Said parcel contains 1.7 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## 8. An Ordinance upon Application of Baita Development Company, LLC, for a Modification to the Green Run Land Use Plan on the south side of Buckner Boulevard, 400 feet more or less east of Independence Boulevard for the purpose of modifying the submitted site plan dated June 27, 1996 and developing the outparcel designated "future development area" which is a portion of Parcel "H" Green Run PUD. Said parcel contains 7.75 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## 9. An Ordinance upon Application of Synstate Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church parking lot expansion at the northeast intersection of Pleasure House Road and Northampton Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 1920 Pleasure House Road and contains 3.29 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

## 10. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Central Easing Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store at the northeast intersection of Independence Boulevard and Pembroke Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 720 Independence Boulevard and contains 31,790.26 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

## 11. An Ordinance upon Application of Church of St. Gregory The Great for a Conditional Use Permit for the expansion of an existing school facility (Sullivan Hall) 650 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard and 120 feet more or less west of Clearfield Avenue. Said property is located at 5345 Virginia Beach Blvd. and contains 37,461.6 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

## 12. Ordinance to amend Section 410 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to dwelling units in livestock barns in Agricultural Zoning Districts.

## 13. Motion of the Planning Commission of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and reordain Section 2.2 (A) 1 of the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to site plan review for fill operations.

## STREET CLOSURE:

14. Application of Charley Bradley for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Broad Bay Drive beginning at the northern boundary of Long Creek Drive and running in a northerly direction to the southern boundary of Long Creek. Said parcel contains 4,938 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

## DEFERRED INDEFINITELY BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/12/94:

15. Application of James M. Beverly for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of 15th Street beginning at the western boundary of Arctic Avenue and running in a westerly direction a distance of 241.94 feet along the northern boundary of 15th Street. Said parcel is variable in width. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

## SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

16. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for CALA Corporation (Formerly Cobo Corp., Formerly FALA Corp.). Property is located on the west side of Arctic Avenue at the intersection with 15th Street. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

## DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 6/1/97:

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Creeds & Associates, Inc., a VA Corp., and M.M. & Gayle B. Rollins for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located at the southern terminus of Oakum Creek Drive. Said parcel contains 30.03 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

## DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 7/9/97:

18. Appeal from Decisions of

## Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, subdivision for Mabel C. Brock. Property is located on the south side of Indian River Road, 1020 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. PUNGO BOROUGH.

## 19. An Ordinance upon Application of C &amp; C Development, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Newtown Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business/research center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.04 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## 20. An Ordinance upon Application of Marsha Lynn Building Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Camelot Drive beginning at a point 620 feet more or less east of First Colonial Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1724 Camelot Drive and contains 10,059 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

## 21. An Ordinance upon Application of Kempville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4,914.7 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

## 22. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles G. &amp; Susan L. Barker for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales &amp; Service on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Regency Drive. Said parcel is located at 1905 Laskin Road and contains 34,290 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

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All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott, Planning Director

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The proposed Comprehensive Plan is available for review at any Virginia Beach Public Library branch, and copies may be obtained from the Department of Planning by calling 427-4621.

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## INDIAN RIVER ROAD &amp; ELBOW ROAD

## City of Virginia Beach

## Citizen Information/Participation Meeting

## Meeting:

Wednesday, August 20, 1997 \* Anytime between 4:00pm and 7:00pm  
To be held at the Glenwood Elementary School located at 2213 Round Hill Drive in Virginia Beach.

## Purpose:

To provide interested citizens an opportunity to informally review and discuss with Department personnel, the preliminary plans for the proposed widening to four lanes of Indian River Road from Lynnhaven Parkway to Elbow Road and the widening and extension (on new location) of Elbow Road from Indian River Road to a connection with North Landstown Road in the City of Virginia Beach.

Written comments and other exhibits relative to the proposed project may be submitted at the meeting or sent to the Department at any time within 10 days after the meeting.

## Special Assistance:

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## Chaplain appointed new Virginia Wesleyan College campus chaplain

The Rev. Robert Manly Chapman has been appointed to the position of chaplain for Virginia Wesleyan College by the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Prior to this position, Chapman was the pastor of Fairview United Methodist Church in Roanoke from 1990 through 1997.

He also served part-time as chaplain of the Roanoke United Methodist Home from 1994 through June 1997 and pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Selma from 1986 through 1990. He was seminary assistant to the pastor at Graham Road United Methodist Church in Falls Church from 1981 through 1983.

"Following an 18-year departure," said Chapman, "I am delighted to be returning to alma mater as chaplain of the college. I am looking forward to sharing



Rev. Robert Manly Chapman

with everyone the rich and diverse opportunities associated with this wonderful campus."

Chapman received his bachelor's degree in communications studies from

Virginia Wesleyan College in 1979; his Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 1985; and, his Master of Education in Agency Counseling from Lynchburg College in May of 1997.

His clinical education includes a supervised counseling internship at Roanoke Valley Family Services; a resident chaplaincy, 1985-1986, at the University of Virginia Medical Center; and, a chaplain internship, 1984-1985 at the Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md.

Chapman resides in Virginia Beach with his wife July Manly Chapman, and their daughter, Kathleen. He replaces the Rev. Scott E. Davis, who left the college after serving nine years in the position of chaplain to return to the local parish.

## Wonderful Wednesdays await at restored Beach landmark

### Land House plans plenty of activities this month

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

It was just one of many summer Wednesdays when guests can step into the past at the Francis Land House.

Volunteers in colonial costumes demonstrated the means used then to produce textiles as museum educator Vicki Harvey described the day's activities as "how they got clothing 200 years ago."

The process began outside, where visitors watched barefoot boys dressed in period-appropriate garb do the breaking and combing of the flax. The plant could be seen growing out behind the house.

Nearby protected from the sun by an awning, a sheep was being shorn. Everybody was enjoying this immensely, of course, except the sheep, who was later rewarded for his tolerance by kind attention from onlookers.

An herbal dying was demonstrated nearby as a docent showed how wool and linen were colored in colonial times using natural materials over an open fire. Inside the Land House the process continued.

Under way in the cool brick-lined cellar were the carding of wool, later spun into thread or yarn by Eileen Barron and Lucy Fowler.

Barron, a volunteer who both spins and weaves, said some children who come to watch the spinning seem "sort of spellbound."

Toby Netherton demonstrated sewing skills in the construction of a puddin' cap, a padded crown-shaped hat used to protect the heads of children who were learning to walk.

In those days, she explained, the brain of a child was likened to the consistency of pudding, which may account for the name.

Meanwhile, volunteer Anne Hunter worked an inkle loom. "Originally, they were used for making tapes or bands. In the old days they called these inkles," she said, indicating the drawings in the wrists of her costume.

Hunter explained that later weavers discovered more creative uses of the inkle.

"Besides being a belt or a necktie, they could also use it to



Photo by Mary Ellen Rosenfeld

**LOTS TO EXPLORE.** Young people can step back in time this month during special activities at the Francis Land House.

put on clothes (like trim or braids)."

A young volunteer, Marie Buchonnet, demonstrated stick weaving. It produced a long thin strip. Nearby a young visitor, Alex Moy, was "making thread." He said it could be used to "make cloth like that," indicating some handwoven wool nearby.

At the next table, children from Bayview Christian School were finger weaving, one of a number of activities designed to involve youngsters in the activities being demonstrated.

Julie Belcher, a home schooled, and her two children, Mark and Adam, were there enjoying the day's offerings.

"I thought it looked interesting," she noted. "The crowds are small enough it's like a personal demonstration — like a miniature Williamsburg."

Janine Olah and her two sons, Darren and Brad, were also enjoying the program.

"We like these living history things. My boys like learning about the olden day," she smiled.

Upstairs costumed volunteers led tours of the living quarters, which include a parlor, dining room and bed chamber with colonial furnishings.

**Whether inside,** outside, upstairs and down there were things to see and do — and volunteers of all ages to make the experience more realistic and interesting.

"We see a lot of repeat visitors," noted Harvey. "They do a lot of things children enjoy," said Nancy Baker, a teacher and the mother of one of the volunteers.

The fun doesn't stop there. There will be other Wednesday afternoon programs this summer at the Francis Land House.

■ On Aug. 6, themed "Using Nature's Bounty," Bob Harvey will illustrate the skills of the horseshorn. Netherton will demonstrate the making of cornhusk dolls, while Doug Barron will talk about soap making.

There will also be a demonstration of open fire cooking and presentations about the use of herbs for flavoring and

medicine.

■ On Aug. 13, "At Home With Elizabeth Land: A Colonial Girl," the program will highlight the life of a young gentry girl. There will be dancing, school with a tutor, and tea time.

■ On Aug. 20, "Music and Stories with the Tidewater Friends of Folk Music," a 19th-century sailor will tell stories inspired by the things in his sea chest.

A presentation called "Elizabeth's Trunk" will also show the things a gentry woman in colonial times would have used daily. There will be music to hear and singing to join in.

■ The final Wednesday, Aug. 27, is Colonial Game Day.

"It's a fun day to come out and try 18th century games," Harvey noted. There will also be a scavenger hunt.

The Francis Land house presents these Wonderful Wednesday programs each week from 2 to 4 p.m. all summer, rain or shine.

The regular admission fee is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens, \$1.50 for students aged 13 and up, and \$1 for children aged 6 to 12. There is no admission fee for children under 6. However, there is no additional fee for the Wednesday programs.

For more information call 431-4000.

## Human Rights Commission meets

The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 7 from 4-6 p.m. in the Human Resources Department Conference Room 125, Virginia Beach Municipal Center Complex, Building 18. The public is invited to attend these monthly meetings. If you wish to speak before the commission, call 427-8374 or 427-8383 (TDD) to sign up in advance. Each person will be given 10 minutes to address the commission on human rights issues in Virginia Beach.

## Back Bay supporters discuss stormwater

The Back Bay Restoration Foundation will meet Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 at the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd.

The Sandbridge Stormwater Project and the Southern Canal and Lead Ditch Study will be discussed by Mark Johnson and Steven Sadler, project managers with the Virginia Beach Public Works Department.

Both these projects have the potential for significant impact on Back Bay and the discussion should provide some insight into the city's stormwater program. A deli buffet will be available at 7 p.m. for a minimal charge and all interested individuals are invited to attend. For more information, contact Steve Vinson, executive director, 412-4240.

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## Enjoy 'E.T.' under the stars at Mt. Trashmore

See "E.T." on the big screen under the stars — and it's free. Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation will hold Family Friday Movie Night on Aug. 15 at Mount Trashmore Park.

A free Chanollo's Pizza Party could be won by children's group. All a group has to do is arrive dressed like

their favorite creature from outer space. Register at 7 p.m. Food and novelty sales will begin at 7 p.m. and the movie "E.T." will start at dusk.

Bring beach chairs, blankets, bug spray. For more information, call Special Services, 471-5884, TDD 471-5839.

## Noted ceramicist holds art center workshop

Nationally-known ceramicist Kristen Doner will visit the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia on Oct. 11-12 during her East Coast tour.

A workshop will provide hands-on experience in the construction and firing of hand-formed pinch-pots using a "hammer and anvil" technique. The artist will show slides and discuss her work, as well as share her glazing and firing techniques for creating a variety of surfaces, including

her "uncarved glaze" and reduction stenciling.

Participants will have an opportunity to explore these raku glazes using pre-bisqueware (cone 010) made ahead of time (6 inches or smaller), either in a CAC class or elsewhere. Cost to members is \$90, non-members \$95. Registration deadline is Sept. 1.

Call 425-0000 for more information.

## Learn the how to's of antiquing with expert

Expand your knowledge of antiques as Myer Chovitz shares 30 years of experience in this intriguing business during a Saturday talk at the Lynnhaven House Aug. 9 from 10:30-noon.

Chovitz specialized in selling 18th- and 19th-century furniture and decorative arts. He has also auctioned for the Internal Revenue Service,

Norfolk Museum of Fine Arts, estates, private individuals, insurance companies and banks.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Rd., which is the extension of Haygood Road after it crosses Independence Boulevard.

Admission is \$5. Call 456-0351 or 481-2145 for reservations.

## Hampton Roads Sharks schedule open house

The Making A Difference Foundation will present the 1997 Hampton Roads Sharks Football Team to the Hampton Roads community during an open house at the new Hampton Roads Shark headquarters at Slightly Off Center Cyber Shack, 1314 Kempsville Rd.

The Sharks players and staff do community outreach through the award winning Making A Difference Foundation reaching

thousands of children and youths each year. The Open House will run Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

The Sharks players and staff will be on hand to talk and sign autographs. Complimentary youth passes will be available for all. The Hot Dog House will provide food and drink. Sharkie the team mascot will be there with activities for young people.

## Children's author pays visit to Beach museum

Children's author Suzanne Tate will be at the Virginia Marine Science Museum to read her latest book, "Oopsis Otter: A Tale of Playful Otters," on Friday, Aug. 15. The reading begins at noon in the museum's Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion. Later, Tate will be signing copies of her book in the Fiddler's Cove Museum Store. The event is free with admission to the museum.

Penned specially for the museum's river otter habitat, the book is the latest in Tate's immensely successful nature

series where she incorporates nature and biology facts with reading fun.

A resident at North Carolina's Outer Banks for more than 30 years, Tate has gathered much information from fishing trips with her husband and family. Her books are read in schools, libraries, science centers and aquariums around the country. Tate is a graduate of the University of New Mexico with a degree in anthropology/biology.

For more information call 425-FISH (3474).

## Republican Alliance plans 5 City Festival

The Hampton Roads Republican Alliance will hold its second 5 City Festival on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chesapeake Jubilee site (city park).

This year's featured performer is national country recording star John Conlee.

The 5 City Festival serves as a family gathering for all citizens of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk

and Virginia Beach. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children aged 6 to 10 years old (5 and under admitted free) and includes all you-care-to-eat chicken, pork barbecue, rolls, cold salads, baked beans, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, beer/wine and ice cream.

For ticket information, call 431-1061 or 486-2382.

# Regional fair brings out best of heritage

## Festival mark Va. Beach's unique flavor

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

Fair at the Beach is billed as "good, clean fun."

That's if you don't mind getting a little dirty savoring a succulent smoked turkey leg, finishing off a little funnel cake and rounding out the day with a roll in corn, soybeans and wheat.

Celebrating South Hampton Roads' agricultural heritage, this regional version of the State Fair of Virginia is proving a hit with the thousands flocking to Camp Pendleton Fairgrounds each day.

The fun, which kicked off last Friday, continues through Sunday with everything from stomach-churning carnival rides to farming displays.

In between there are concerts, a daily circus show, and exhibitions promoting the youth, education, commerce and agriculture of South Hampton Roads.

"These are things that you just can't go and find anywhere," said fair chairman Don Horsley, who farms 3,000 acres in Virginia Beach's Blackwater section.



**MILKING MAMA.** Betty Johnson of Chesapeake brought her children to Fair at the Beach during "Chesapeake Days" to celebrate their hometown. While the youngsters were enthralled by the rides, Johnson tried her hand at milking the fiberglass cow in the agriculture tent.

"You can't go down Atlantic Avenue and find this. This is good, clean family fun we're promoting."

Fair at the Beach brings a taste of the State Fair of Virginia to

those who might not otherwise attend the Richmond event.

"The objective is to bring the State Fair to different communities within excess of 100 miles.

"Although we have good attendance from Tidewater to the State Fair each year, a lot of people have never been able to

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# Sessoms: banning jet skis is smartest, safest thing to do

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The "jet ski issue" was put up front by Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. this week when he urged City Council, "If we could put an immediate stop to jet skis, it would be the smartest, safest thing we can do."

At Tuesday's work session, he said that jet skis are a "major problem out there."

His colleagues on council, who have been getting calls from constituents complaining about the personal water craft that have become so popular, agreed, but councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. pointed out, "We can't just ban them."

He said Assistant City Attorney Randy Blow determined that jet

skies were personal water craft regulated by the commonwealth which allows them. Jet skis are treated under state law just like any other motor boat.

Under state law the city can enact ordinances which parallel general law regulating the operation of vessels on any waters within its territorial limits and the activity of any person using the waters. City Attorney Leslie Lilley said that his office would study whether the city can do more than it is already doing.

The city's ordinances refer to "motorboats," which include jet skis. During the period May 1 through Oct. 15 of each year from 10 a.m. until sunset, it is unlawful for any person to operate any motorboat except when proceeding to or from the beach or an anchorage within 100 yards of the beaches of the Chesapeake Bay, extending from the eastern boundary of the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base to the

western boundary of Ft. Story.

The area is designated as a recreational area for swimming, wading, crabbing, fishing and other water activities. Boats also have to keep 100 feet from any person or persons in the water.

Also, boats are not permitted to be launched along the resort strip from Rudee Inlet to 42nd Street except at 31st Street, where the city's only jet ski franchise is located.

Anyone under the age of 14 is not permitted to operate a motor boat, and motor boats are not permitted on the water between sunset and sunrise.

These restriction, however, don't seem to be sufficient to allay fears of other users of the beach. And it didn't help when a jet ski without an operator recently frightened bathers at the resort.

"Something's not working," said Sessoms. There is going to be a death if something is not done quickly.

If something does happen, said councilwoman Reba McClanahan, the state will not be liable. "We will be liable."

Sessoms said that he did not want to play legal games.

Lilley said that the city can expand the swimming areas and thus restrict boats further; it can stop issuing franchises for jet skis although, Lilley said, although the city may have to wait for next year to do this, and it can use permits. He said that his staff will study what it can do further and whether the city is doing all it is permitted to do under state law.

Councilman John A. Baum pinpointed the problem: "You have a 75-horsepower motor run by a one-tenth horsepower brain."

Councilman Harold Heischobor said that a strong ordinance was just adopted for Lake Gaston where two deaths involving jet skis already have occurred. He suggested looking into that ordinance.

# Council OK's Sandbridge lodge study with money-back provision

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

City Council by a vote of 9-2 appropriated \$42,500 for an economic feasibility study of the proposed False Cape Lodge. But it included a condition that the money would be returned to the city when and if plans for the development were realized.

The lodge proposal involves the construction of an approximately \$15 million world-class lodging facility at the south end of the Sandbridge and several environmental education centers at False Cape State Park at a cost of \$3 million. Tax revenues from real estate, sales, restaurant and hotel taxes from the project would yield an estimated \$1 million the first year.

The staff sees the development of the lodge as an opportunity to have a high quality lodging facility at the site rather than some of other commercial activities that could be located there.

However, some council members were reluctant to pay for a study involving private property. Councilmembers Reba McClanahan and Nancy Parker voted against the appropriation.

Councilman Harold Heischobor proposed the provision that the city would get its money back if the lodge project went ahead and his proposal was accepted by the nine members of council who voted for the appropriation.

The money will come from the budget of the development authority which was interested in the study.

The study will take approximately 120 days to complete and the property owner has agreed not to market the property during the 120-day study period. A land swap will be

required between the city and the private land owner (most of the property is owned by Doug Wilkins) to accommodate the development.

## Phone book recycling under way

Residents of Virginia Beach can recycle their old telephone books at recycling drop-off centers and newspaper recycling bins at Virginia Beach public schools. All have paper recycling bins located in their parking lots, with the exception of Holland and College Park Elementary and Tallwood High School.

Residents with the new curbside service can put them in their container. All phone books must be dry and free of any plastic shrink wrap or bags. Businesses with 50 or more books can call 430-2450 to make an appointment for collections.

For further information call Waste Management, 430-2450.

# Commentary

## Give 'em a brake

Motorists driving through road construction areas have seen the big orange signs — Highway Workers-Give 'em a Brake — announcing construction and urging motorists to drive particularly careful through the work area. This makes good sense.

But this time of year there is yet another group of workers who occupy area highways and byways who deserve consideration from motorists. They are the hardworking, yet often forgotten, ones of Hampton Roads' economy — farmers.

Whether it's rural Virginia Beach, Chesapeake's back roads or a stone's throw from bustling Churchland, we see them in the fields preparing and harvesting their crops. Those tractors do not just magically appear there. Naturally they have to be driven.

It is while farmers are driving to their fields that motorists need to exercise greater patience. Sometimes when we are running late for work and get caught behind farming equipment on the road, we have a tendency to forget normal road courtesies.

Without exception, farm vehicles just don't travel as fast as cars, trucks or even school buses. Tractors and combines are designed for precision work in the fields, not speed.

And just as the rest of us are trying to earn a living, so too are farmers. Not only are they trying to provide shelter for their families, they are trying to provide food for everyone.

So the next time you are tooling around — whether it's in Pungo, Hickory or Western Branch, and get caught behind a farm vehicle traveling much slower than the posted speed, remember they can't go as fast as you. Just give 'em a brake.

# Eyes are wet, but not from crying

It's been nearly two years since the doctor first informed that my eyesight wasn't what it used to be. And, not only did I need corrective lenses, they would be bifocals.

About a year ago I wrote that even after all that time, I still wasn't completely used to the things. Well, that has n't changed too much.

During the many months that have elapsed since acquiring my glasses, I have become aware of what I consider an odd phenomenon. When it rains and I am outside for whatever reason, my glasses get splattered with rain drops.

That doesn't come as a surprise to me. Heck, everything in the open will get wet when it rains. The question I have, and what seems to me to be an oddity, is that before I started wearing glasses, my eyes never got wet when it rained.

I cannot recall a single incident where a raindrop fell into my eyes or on my eyelids or eyelashes.

I cannot recall a single incident where a raindrop fell into my eyes or on my eyelids or eyelashes. No matter how wet my face, head or body got from the rain, my eyes stayed dry (except, of course, from the natural moisture contained within).

So why should my glasses be any different? (I don't believe that the extra half-inch (more or less) they extend from my eyes would be that significant a factor. Yet the eyelashes still get splattered.)

I don't lose any sleep at night wondering about this, but it is a curiosity. Probably has a logical explanation, too, but I never took logic in college.

Moisture and the eyelashes has also brought about another odd happening. In my pre-glasses days, it was not at all unusual for perspiration to roll down into my eyes.

Generally, the eyebrows would catch most of it, at least in time to wipe the beads away. But from time

to time they made their way into the eyes.

That is understandable since my eyes are, in a downward trend, next in line from my forehead. Gravity dictates that, something I would have learned in physics class had I bothered to take physics, which I didn't but have learned somehow anyway.

Now that I wear glasses, it is a real bother to wipe the perspiration from my brow because the eyeglass frames are in the way. However, this isn't the puzzling thing. What is a poser is, if before glasses the sweat would roll in my eyes, how now does the sweat get onto my lenses?

It appears that, if the distance the glasses extend from my face is the reason why rain gets on them, then that same distance should prevent the sweat drops from getting there. Yet both happen — a contradiction if ever there was one.

When I got my glasses, there was plenty of advice and literature on how to care for them. I don't recall, though, anything about proper wear of the dangly things. As if bifocals aren't hard enough to see through because of the distorted images one can get from looking right through the line of demarcation, add the blur of water or sweat drops and vision capabilities cease to exist.

I've given thought to trying to install tiny wipers on the glasses. It seems to work in cartoons and in old movies, but I can just see my eyes automatically following the wipers' motion back and forth and becoming, at the very least, extremely dizzy.

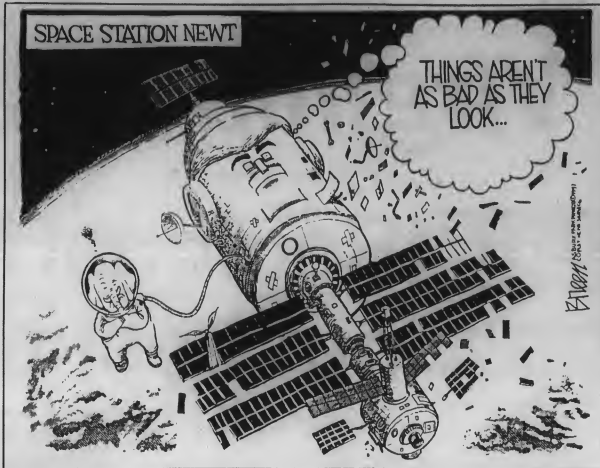
Some people have suggested getting contact lenses (and, yes, they do have them for bifocals). That possibility is all out of the question. Sticking something in my eyes on purpose just doesn't seem possible, even though my oldest daughter does it all the time and says it's easy. There's no way I could do that.

Several acquaintances have said that one never becomes totally adjusted to looking through sweat. The problem with rain or sweat beads gets so bad at times, especially when doing yard work or handyman projects, that I have to remove head things just to see what I'm doing. Which doesn't work because without them I can't see what I'm doing.

There has been one positive side effect to wearing bifocal eyeglasses. There is so much up and down looking trying to find the right half to look through, that I have developed a right good set of neck muscles from the aerobic workout they get everyday.

Oh yeah, I can see much better since getting the glasses — except when it rains or I find to perspire.

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# Proud of being a Virginian

There is probably no one born in this commonwealth who takes more pride in being a Virginian than I do.

And, I might add, there's scarcely anyone with less justification for that social sense of honor that comes with being a native Virginian than I have.

A quick glance at my "by-line" is a sure indication that none of my relatives arrived at Jamestown in 1607 aboard the Susan Constant, Discovery or Godspeed.

No Jefferson, Washington, Bacon, Barwell or Lee ever married a Rueggeger to my knowledge. So I'm not in anyway connected to the founding fathers of Virginia. There never was or will be a Rueggeger Plantation along the James River or anywhere else.

Unlike many native Virginians, my family's roots in Virginia do not go back 300 years or more as do some of those whose ancestors have been laid to rest in the churchyards of St. Paul's in Norfolk, St. Luke's near Smithfield, Abingdon near Gloucester, Old Dominion in Virginia Beach, Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, and Grace Episcopal in Yorktown.

My father was a Kentuckian and my mother a New Yorker — a most unlikely combination. The fact that I was — by the grace of God — born a Virginian was totally undeserved.

Throughout my father's 22-year career in the Navy, he had been stationed in a multitude of locations. He just happened to be assigned to the U.S.S. Krishna which was practically welded to pier number 19 at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base at the time of my birth.

I could have been born in Boston, Philadelphia, Honolulu or Newport, but I wasn't. I was born in Norfolk during a terrible February snowstorm. Being born in Virginia was pure luck for my brother Gary and me.

If either of us had been born just three years later we might have gasped our first breaths in Philadelphia as our hapless brother Richard did.

It was either coincidental or preordained that I began my "world tour" in Virginia. Frankly, I'm more comfortable thinking of it as a happy coincidence. That business of preordination might include a burden of an additional and awesome responsibility.

Why am I so proud to be a Virginian? Obviously, it's not because my ancestors or immediate relatives did anything special or outstanding in the commonwealth. And, of course, I did absolutely nothing to merit being born in the Old Dominion.

I think my pride in my birthplace stems from the significant people, places and events that are associated with Virginia's heritage.

People of the caliber of Capt. John Smith, Pocahontas, Thomas Jefferson, Robert E. Lee and Woodrow Wilson who seem "ordinary" in the pages of Virginia history have few real rivals in the hinterlands

of American history. Historic places abound. Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Gloucester, Appomattox, Richmond and Fredericksburg have few parallels in other states and commonwealths. Around every corner and along every river, places of historic significance seem to crowd the pages of American history.

When I maintain that I am proud to be a Virginian, what I'm really doing is affirming that what has taken place in Virginia over the last 390 years is generally something with which I have wholeheartedly associated myself.

People very willingly affiliate themselves with successful people and enterprises because it enhances self-esteem to be part of a thriving tradition.

And, in my opinion, there has been no enterprise more fortuitous than Virginia and no people more inspiring than Virginians.

Pride and respect for Virginia's heritage has been and always will be part of Virginia tradition.

While I've been a Virginian for almost half a century, I have yet to sign a Declaration of Independence, build a Rosewell, or serve as governor. I have done nothing of great significance to reflect credit upon the Old Dominion. But where there is life, there is hope.

When it's all said and done as far as I'm concerned, the prospects of my children making a significant contribution to the heritage of the commonwealth are doubly encouraging.

After all, they are second generation Virginians, and a little bit more can certainly be expected from them.

# It's a fairly good fair

Even though I'm a city girl born and bred, my heart says says the opposite, "Country, country, country!"

So it was with great anticipation that I awaited Fair at the Beach, the regional version of the State Fair of Virginia.

Being a veteran of a number of state fairs, both in Virginia and North Carolina, I couldn't wait to show my city slicker husband all the joys that await at a d o w n - home-country celebration.

Late Sunday afternoon we pulled into the fairgrounds at Camp Pendleton in Virginia Beach. Riding over the bumpy field that served as a parking lot, Evan complained about what the "road conditions" were doing to the BMW's suspension system.

"It's all part of the fair experience," I assured him as we followed a line of cars.

The dust being kicked up by those cars was not to his liking either. "But I just washed this vehicle," he wailed.

"Deal with it," I ordered.

We entered the gate and slowly took in the scene around us. There were plenty of gut-wrenching rides to try, a multitude of vendors selling everything from corn dogs (my personal favorite) to huge smoked turkey legs. Evan's eyes settled on the Sno Cone booth, where we'd eventually make the first food pitstop — one of many.

We wandered into the agricultural tent first, where fair chairman Don Horsley gave us a personal tour. Soon Lou Cullipier, agricultural director for the city of Virginia Beach, joined in.

Having done the agriculture beat at Emporia's newspaper when I was a rookie reporter, I thought I knew everything about farm life.

I forgot cow milking.

I'd never gotten that "up close and personal" with a bovine before, though at the Virginia State Fair I'd gotten to pull a teat once for \$1. I got a half-pint of milk from a dairy company for my effort.

Lou and Don urged me to give it a try.

I stared at the fiberglass cow, used for exhibitions such as this, in wonderment. At least I knew this cow couldn't kick me.

I settled on the wooden stool while Lou enthusiastically took pictures with my camera.

"Go for it!" Don urged. "You can do it!"

I tried. I pulled. I squeezed. The fiberglass cow simply wasn't giving up any milk. All the while Lou was dashing about madly with the camera urging me to smile. The experience would be recorded for all posterity.

A few drops came, but never a full stream. Finally, Lou set the camera aside and showed me the right touch. Pretty soon milk was sloshing over my hand and into the small bucket.

"And I thought I'd seen it all when there was to offer."

We paid the price. On the way back to Campbell University, the car was stopped about five times along the road so that each person could, well, lose their dinner.

Remember, eat with Fair at the Beach, but eat in moderation!

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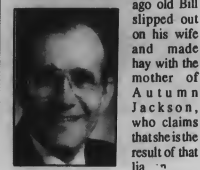
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# Poor old Bill finally sees 'real world'

The television viewers and newspaper readers have been and still are subjected to the plight of poor Bill Cosby. It seems that some 22 years ago old Bill slipped out on his wife and made hay with the mother of a Autumn Jackson, who claims that she is the result of that lia . . .



**The Real World**

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

Jackson was recently convicted of trying to extort \$40 million from Cosby and could face up to 12 years in prison.

Why is this particular case attracting so much attention?

It gives the stupid news media another opportunity to tout Bill Cosby as a loving, caring father who all men should emulate. Now we know that he is not about committing adultery in this case, and we only know it because he finally got caught and had to admit it.

We don't know how many other times this happened and the gutless reporters and television commentators won't ask him.

The interesting part of all this is that the "attempted extortion" by Autumn Jackson is nothing new. Cosby has been paying extortion for 22 years. The news media, who favor Bill Cosby, would have you believe that he has been paying money to Autumn and her mother all this time out of the goodness of his heart.

Horse manure! He paid it to keep them quiet because he couldn't afford to have his reputation as "the world's greatest dad" destroyed.

He now says that he would take a paternity test to prove he's not Autumn Jackson's father. Frankly, I don't give a damn whether or not he is her father. I'm sick and tired of hearing about poor Bill Cosby.

He is just another comedian as far as I am concerned — nothing special. In addition to their obscenity, Bill Cosby, the news media got hung up on the murder of Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace in Miami Beach on July 15. I had never heard of Versace before he was murdered — and I doubt that 10 people in Virginia had either, but the press decided to make him a martyr.

The newspapers carried story after story about him and the television stations overkilled it, as usual. Police think serial killer Andrew Cunanan, who shot Versace, is responsible for five other murders. He ended his own life aboard a houseboat on July 23 in Miami Beach.

Now certainly news about a serial killer is interesting for a few days, but to carry it for months is ridiculous. People in this country are murdered every day.

I just don't understand what makes the death of a fashion designer so special. My life was fine before Versace was killed. I am sure I haven't suffered a great of loss at his departure.

Welcome to the real world.

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## Child safety is as easy as buckling up

Summer is here, kids are out of school and we are all taking vacations and weekend getaways. This usually means traveling in our cars.



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

More than 600 children under the age of 5 are killed and more than 80,000 are seriously injured in vehicle accidents.

If child safety seats are required by law in all 50 states, including Virginia, then why are so many children still being injured and killed?

To find the cause, I talked to the folks at our health department and to our city firefighters. The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health conducts a child safety program which provides seats to our residents who can not afford to buy them and our fire department provides child safety seat inspections at every city fire station. I learned the two main reasons.

First, over 60 percent of children who are killed or injured were not wearing seat belts or were improperly belted in at the time of the crash.

Parents also need to know that a new state law that started July 1 requires children age 4 to 16 to wear a seat belt when riding in a car or truck.

Second, over 90 percent of all child safety seats are incorrectly installed in vehicles, which could cause the seat to fail in a crash.

My first thought was, "How hard can it be to put a simple child safety seat in correctly?"

The truth is child safety seats are anything but simple to install. The way car seats and seat belts are designed makes putting in a child safety seat very difficult. Add many different models of cars on the road, with a variety of seat belt systems and you can see that you almost need to be an expert to get it right.

The problem is so bad that President Bill Clinton has ordered child safety seat manufacturers and automobile manufacturers to work together to develop a car safety seat that can be installed easily in any vehicle.

Unfortunately, that will take a while, so in the meantime, we need to start doing a better job ourselves. Here are some tips to help you make sure your children are safe in your car:

- Only buy a seat with a label certifying that it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

- The safest seat is the one that fits correctly in your vehicle. Hold on to the receipt until you know the safety seat fits in case you have to exchange it.

- Until their first birthday, infants ride rear-facing and at a 45 degree angle no matter what they weigh. Infants under a year old do not have the upper body strength to avoid severe or fatal neck and back injuries if they are facing forward in a crash.

- Use a child safety seat that fits your child. Under one year of age, infant or convertible seat; one year old to 40 pounds, forward facing convertible/oddler seat; 30-60 pounds, booster seat. Children should ride in a booster seat until 7 to 8 years of age. Booster seats raise children up so that vehicle seat belt fits them correctly.

## If child safety seats are required by law in all 50 states, including Virginia, then why are so many children still being injured and killed?

- The back seat is the safest place for children to ride. Never put a child under the age of 12 in the front seat if the car has a passenger side air bag.

- Always buckle up no matter how short the trip.

- Don't use a seat that is more than 7 years old or has been in a crash.

- Seats need to be installed tightly. If you can move or wiggle the seat, then it is too loose. You must kneel on the seat as you tighten the seat belt to get a tight fit.

Remember, it is a good idea to stop by one of our city fire stations and have a firefighter inspect your seat to see if it is installed correctly.

They will show you how to make any necessary changes. To see if you qualify for the free car safety seat program or if you have questions about car safety seats, call the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health at 631-4000.

Keep yourselves and your kids safe: buckle up every time you ride.

Pat Davidson, city health educator, contributed to this column.

## Home's evolution explored in new Francis Land exhibit

The Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens has opened a new exhibit, "Evolution and Change: The Museum Emerges." It features photographs and artifacts that reflect the various incarnations of the Francis Land House in the 20th century.

Operated as a farm during the first half of the century, the images on display illustrate the agricultural operation, on the property and portray the Steets and DeFrees families at work and near their home. The two succeeding decades of the Rose Hall Dress Shop are also represented through artifacts and photographs.

The exhibit then examines the final quarter century when the house was saved by the city of Virginia Beach and eventually opened as a historic house museum.

## 'Walking televisions' meet to plan group activities

Why do individuals who have sustained a brain injury sometimes refer to themselves as walking television guides?

Many of the 1,771 children and 6,149 adults in Virginia who are brain injured every year struggle with memory, cognitive and physical problems. Often they have difficulty returning to school and work and spend much of their day watching television.

Brain injury causes problems that will never go away, but can be helped. How? By involving survivors of brain injuries in day activity programs, they regain

their skills and confidence so that they can work again and live on their own.

On Monday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m., a brain injury focus group will be held to plan a day activity program for the Virginia Beach area. The meeting will be held at the Virginia Beach Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 1801 Camelot Dr.

For more information, call Thomas Russell, (703) 352-1656. For those individuals with brain injuries who need transportation to the meeting, call Larry Fagan, 396-6965.

## Up close and personal

### Bob Albertson: Historically speaking . . .

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Virginia Wesleyan College professor Bob Albertson isn't just living history, he lives in history.

As a re-enactor, the Olde Towne resident enjoys donning Colonial-era clothing to help the city when called upon. At the recent opening of High Street Landing, for example, the professor earned good marks for his portrayal of Portsmouth's founder, Col. William Crawford.

Going home is like stepping into the past as well. Albertson calls The Ball House, circa 1720-1750, his retreat from the everyday pressures of modern life. Inside the Middle Street home, he may curl up with a good book in rooms visited by the Marquis de Lafayette and Andrew Jackson. Even the organizational meeting of the Portsmouth Historical Society was held there.

Growing up in the historic home shaped Albertson's love of the past.

"Although I've lived here all my life, I realize that I'm just passing through history," he said. "The long and the short of it is that it gives me a sense of perspective. I understand now that history isn't something made up or 'once upon a time.' It's living people. The boards I stand on were stood on by 'Old Hickory.' The connections to the past are right here."

Albertson and his wife, Lorraine, have tried to maintain the home's original Colonial elements. His parents, who purchased the home in 1939, upgraded the home for contemporary electricity and plumbing. Later, Lorraine came up with the color scheme dominating the home today — white on white. It's a classic look to highlight the couple's collection of antique furniture and art.

"This home is a great source of comfort for me. It's a portal from the past and a way in which I get my bearings," he said.

Surprisingly, Albertson isn't a professor of history at Virginia Wesleyan.

Although he majored in the subject at Old Dominion and was a member of the history honor society (Phi Alpha Theta), his attention is geared to management, business and economics. Albertson describes it as far more than "number crunching and bean counting."

Noting the bad rap earned by accounting and similar courses, Albertson admits to being "literally scared" of the subjects when he was a young man returning to Old Dominion for his master's degree using the G.I. Bill.

Accounting was one of the prerequisite courses for an MBA. That's when he fell in love with the subject. Completing his master's degree in 1978, Albertson joined the Wesleyan faculty in 1979 with one goal in mind.

"I wanted to make it easier for those who were scared to death of accounting. Most people think it's bean counting, but it's very much theory. What I found was that if I could teach me, who was scared of numbers, then I could teach anyone. I'm actually very bad with numbers, he admitted.

"I just found a way of explaining and understanding it that made sense to me. I can now take people who are scared to death of math and make them very good."

Albertson's interests don't end there. Committed to the community, he jokes that he's "as native as they come." A founding member of the Olde Towne Civic League, he was an active member of the 600 Block Committee which purchased and is renovating a rundown home at 601-603 London Blvd. He wrote the script for the first Olde Towne trolley tour and is active in the Order of Cape Henry 1607.

Memberships also include the Portsmouth Historical Association, Friends of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Museums, and The Portsmouth Museums. He belongs to Assembly 146, Society of American Magicians, and the American Association of University Professors. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1965 and earned a Ph.D. from Old Dominion in 1993.

A member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Albertson served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1969-71.

**Name:** Bob Albertson.

**What brought you to this area:** The storm. I was born and raised here, and I've lived in The Ball House all of my life.

**Hometown:** Portsmouth.

**Age:** 50.

**Nickname:** "Doctor Bob" is the name my students made up for me. Now a lot of my friends call me this.

**Occupation:** I'm a professor of management, business and economics at Virginia Wesleyan College, where I have taught since 1979. I am also currently serving as chair of the Division of Social Services.

**Marital Status:** Happily married to Lorraine.

**Children:** When Lorraine and I were wed two years ago, I acquired two daughters. Charlene, 26, is an account manager at Household Credit. Michelle,



24, is a bank teller at BB&T.

**Favorite movies:** I am fond of classic movies, but I also like modern romantic comedies such as "Sleepless in Seattle," science fiction such as "Contact" or "Stargate," and Disney films with good animation such as "The Lion King" or "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

**Magazines I read regularly:** Time, Financial World, Entrepreneur, The Living Ring and M-U-M.

**Favorite authors:** Carl Jung, Joseph Campbell, M. Scott Peck, R.A. Schwaller de Lubitz, Amanda Coomaraswamy, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and Jules Verne.

**Favorite night on the town:** Dinner and a movie.

**Favorite restaurant:** Lobscouser.

**Favorite meal:** A hot, broiled seafood platter and a cold Heineken beer are hard to beat.

## "I realize that I'm just passing through history."

Bob Albertson

**What most people don't know about me:** I earned my sergeant's stripes and an Army Commendation Medal in Vietnam in 1971.

**Best thing about myself:** I truly enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

**Worst habit:** Messy! I'm not organized, but I do some of my best work with piles of papers and books strewn about nearby on just about every table and bit of floor space.

**Pets:** None.

**Ideal vacation:** Leisurely days by the ocean at Nags Head are heavenly.

**Hobbies:** Reading, civic activities and magic. I was Magician of the Year last year in the local assembly of the Society of American Magicians.

**Pet peeves:** Discourteous drivers upset me. I really dislike those drivers who do not let cars feed in when lanes merge, especially when those drivers have religious bumper stickers on their cars!

**First job:** My first duties were as an unpaid docent at the Naval Shipyard Museum near the foot of High Street.

The government was so impressed that it drafted me, paid me almost \$100 a month, and eventually asked me to help it solve some problems it was having in Southeast Asia.

**Worst job:** Although the Army provided me with free food and clothing, my tropical vacation was marred by incoming rockets, unending work with such highlights as latrine duty, and incredible heat that only gave way to the torrential rains of the monsoon season.

**Favorite sports team:** None.

**Favorite music:** Although I usually like easy listening (Montovanni), I also like early rock and roll, rock, some classical and even some New Age music.

**Most embarrassing moment:** In 1968, I was on the debate team at Old Dominion College and going to give an exhibition debate for the League of Women Voters. Unfortunately, my zipper broke. Fortunately, there were a number of straight pins on a bulletin board in a hall on the way, and I frantically worked in a large number of pins to rescue my trousers. As the debate continued and the pins shifted, I am sure that I treated them to some of the more unusual gestures that they had ever seen as I arose, moved or sat down with frantic movements — intended neither to injure myself nor to provide a different sort of exhibition than the ladies had anticipated. I am not sure which side won the debate, but I do recall racing away to make a much needed change of clothes.

**I would like my epitaph to read:** "He continually worked for his beliefs, gladly shared his vision and knowledge, and patiently made a difference in the world — one person at a time."

**If I received \$1 million:** After paying bills, helping family and traveling, I'd enter some partnerships to fund specialty shops in downtown Portsmouth and to restore some properties in Olde Towne. I would also establish some scholarships for part-time students at Virginia Wesleyan.

**If I had 10 minutes on national television:** I'd call upon the idealism and creativity of Americans to support public schools by involving educated citizens, especially the growing number of Baby Boomer retirees. If states and colleges develop special certification programs and school districts explore flexible formats and variable venues to make it easier to involve these helpers, we could do a better job of teaching our young people the skills and values needed to lead the country into the 21st century.





Photos by Laura Bagby



### Crafty folks

Princess Anne Park's Art and Craft Festival brought family fun to Virginia Beach last weekend. Artisans from across the country displayed their works. Val Valler from Florida, top photo, got admiring looks for the clean-lined, modern stone sculptures sold by she and husband, Ian. Exhibitor Karen Klaas, bottom photo, displayed the homespun dolls she makes.



Photo by Keith Sudduth

**SMILE.** CASA volunteer Cindy Smith proves that program helpers are there when clients need a friend.

## Compassionate CASA volunteers captured by camera's lens

Throughout the month of August, Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is recognizing its volunteers in a photography exhibit entitled "Lights on the Path, The Face of CASA" at the Central Library in Virginia Beach.

Keith Sudduth, a local real estate agent and amateur photographer, photographed the

CASA volunteers following extensive interviews. His intention was to capture each individual's true personality by photographing them in their own home environment.

Each 16-by-20 photograph will be accompanied by a quote on the CASA program, which Sudduth hopes will illustrate how much each volunteer is contributing to the program and why they chose to help abused and neglected children.

CASA trains volunteers and then immerses them in the lives of children facing abuse and neglect at home. Prior to court hearings, CASA volunteers are taught to be the "voice of the children," investigating home situations, scouring court records, interviewing the children, their parents, family members, neighbors and social workers to determine what is best for them.

As appointees of the court, they make recommendations to the judge and, once a decision is reached, follow up to make sure that the judge's ruling is enforced.

"Our volunteers are a special kind of person who not only want to do something meaningful to combat child abuse, but who also have the time and energy to devote to this difficult task. They truly make the difference between a heaven and hell for thousands of abused children each year," said Edith Duggan, director of Virginia Beach CASA.

The photography gallery will be on exhibit from Aug. 1 through Aug. 29 at the Central Library located at 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach next to Leeham's Plaza.

For those who want to learn more about CASA and the many ways to help, there will be informational brochures at the exhibit.

Volunteer information can also be received by calling Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates, 426-5804.

### — Home Improvement —

## Wooden decks will add beauty to home for years with the right care

Outdoor decks are a source of pride for many homeowners. The natural wood compliments a home and is an ideal place for entertaining.

Keeping your deck beautiful is simple once you know the tricks of the trade, reports the wood care experts at the Flood Company. Questions and answers about some common

deck problems:

**How can I remove nail stains?** Wood often darkens and streaks around nails. Chemicals in the wood react with iron in nails, leaving a nasty stain. A deck cleaner, such as Dekswood Cleaner and Brightener, will remove those stains.

**My deck has turned gray.**

**What should I do?** Wood turns gray because sunlight breaks down the "glue" that binds wood cells together, leaving behind a very thin mat of loose wood fiber. Dirt collects and changes the wood's appearance to a light, then darker gray. Cleaning with a deck cleaner will restore the natural color. Graying can be controlled with a protective finish.

**Should I treat the wood on my new deck?** In the past, experts recommended treating wood only after it weathers. Excess moisture in new wood, mill glaze and natural chemicals prevent finishes from penetrating into the wood. However, researchers have developed a formula that will penetrate and protect new wood while still allowing it to weather. Seasonite New Wood Treatment prevents warping, cupping and splitting, while allowing the wood to weather naturally.

**What can I do about water**



**ALL DECKED OUT.** Washing with a deck cleaner will remove unsightly water spots caused by sprinklers, hot tubs and swimming pools.

**spots?** Washing with a deck cleaner will remove unsightly water spots caused by sprinklers, hot tubs and swimming pools. A finish such as CWF-UV Clear Wood

Finish will restore the natural color.

**What do you do when the wood color is uneven?** Wood can weather unevenly for many reasons including uneven application of the original finish, foot traffic patterns; unequal exposure to sun and weather, etc. Touch up light areas with the finish. Allow heavily coated areas to continue to weather.

**How do you get rid of mold and mildew stains?** Scrub mold and mildew spots with a mixture of bleach and water, then rinse thoroughly. However, do not use a bleach cleaner on the entire deck; Bleach can weaken the delicate wood fibers and break down the wood surface. Use a non-bleach cleaner such as Dekswood Cleaner and Brightener to remove other stains.

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## THE ARTS

An exhibition of paintings in landscapes, fish, birds and flowers in the oriental brush painting style is under way at the Adult Learning Center, 4160 Virginia Beach Blvd. through the month of August. The paintings are for sale at reasonable prices.

The South Hampton Roads Museums Forum will present "Getting the Most From Your Local Museums: How to Use Them to Make SOLs Fun" with Jane Neapolitan, assistant professor of teacher preparation and special education at George Washington University, at the Virginia Marine Science Museum on Monday, Aug. 18 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call Shelley Brooks, 822-6978, for more information and a registration form.



Joyful Noise

Courtesy Photo

## 'Joyful Noise' show was something to celebrate

By Eric Stevens  
Arts Correspondent

Broadway musicals received a tribute to end all tributes at 24th Street stage recently. "Joyful Noise," 12 men and 19 women, sang 41 songs, mostly hits, to about 200 people on a delightful evening.

Commendations go to the Virginia Beach Department of Recreation and to Cellar Door Entertainment for helping keep alive what was once a glorious American institution — the Broadway musical.

Some say that jazz is America's only original contribution to the arts. As a lifelong jazz devotee, I must disagree and add musical comedy to the list.

Songs were presented in many formats: solos, duets, trios, men's ensemble, women's ensemble and glee club. And they were gleeful, clearly enjoying themselves with gestures, steps, hats and handclapping.

About a third of the program was by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II drawing from "The Sound of Music," "Carousel" and especially "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific." How could anyone quibble with that?

Joyful noise is directed by Ruth Ann Millikin, a private music teacher, and accompanied by Shelley Merrill and Bruce Shelton, alternatively.

They will be back on Aug. 26. Anyone wishing to join can call 481-7769.

Through no fault of their own, the show was slightly marred by the thumping of car stereos. The city of Hampton recently passed a law prohibiting music in excess of 80 decibels, equal to a bus or truck. Too bad that's not national. Let's hope our own city of Virginia Beach will follow suit.

Eric Stevens has been active locally since 1971 as a singer, pianist and bandleader.

# City experiments with incentive-driven procedure to improve contract process

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The city is planning to use an incentive-driven contract procedure for the most urgent road projects starting with the Oceana Boulevard widening.

Also, as an added protection for the city, professional insurance limits for capital projects now topping at \$1 million will be increased, and the limitation on claims, now at five years, will be eliminated for many projects.

John Herzke, city engineer, told city council at a work session Tuesday, that the incentive contract process — new to Virginia Beach but used in a number of localities in the country — will be used in the Oceana Boulevard widening project, a time intensive project, but it is the only project scheduled for the next process.

At present, contracts are issued to the lowest bidder based on a formula taking into account the bid price and the time the contractor will take to finish the project.

Although disincentives are used — that is, contractors are penalized for days taken over the contracted time to complete the project, the city has not had incentives.

Under the system outlined by Herzke, when a contractor bids

below the city allocation for the project, the excess funds will be set aside and used for bonus payments to the contractor for finishing the project early.

The city, Herzke said, will do this only on selected projects where time is of the essence and there is a critical need for the project. The system was used in California to rebuild after an earthquake, he said, and it worked.

Factored into the contractor's bid and the time given for the project's completion will be the road user cost (RUC) which is different for every road project. The cost is associated with the accident record on the existing road and the delays, converted to dollars, to the motorists. It will be possible, therefore, to award a contractor with a higher bid who will get the project finished earlier.

Herzke said that the bidder will be competing on price as well as time.

The \$3 million Oceana Boulevard project will provide a four-lane divided highway from the Naval Air Station Oceana main gate to .7 miles south of Virginia Beach Boulevard. Herzke said the city would have to make sure all the right of way is secured and utility relocations are in order before the contract is

let out to bid. The project should be completed in one year, he said.

The city also plans to increase professional liability insurance limits, but not in all projects.

Pete Powers, public works contracts administrator, headed a team which came up with recommendations to increase the \$1 million liability on city projects according to a scale based on project costs.

The \$1 million would remain for projects of \$5 million or less, increasing to \$2 million for \$5 to \$10 million projects; \$3 million for \$10 to \$20 million projects and beyond \$3 million for projects costing over \$20 million.

Powers said there may be some routine jobs where the city may not want to increase the insurance. "We've had good experience at \$1 million."

Also, the five-year limit on claims would be removed on larger projects, such as the Judicial Center and the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Of course, the increased insurance would increase the cost of the contract. He said that the schools have experienced an increase in the cost of up to \$75,000 when the insurance was increased from \$1 to \$2 million.

City Attorney Leslie Liddle said that the city can contract for

insurance beyond the statute of limitations. Sometimes defects don't show up until after five years.

Bob Esenberg, administrator for risk management who served on the study team, explained that professional coverage deals with the architect and engineer. The insurance would extend to the consultant.

Other members of the study team included Tony Arnold from the school system and Mike Nuckolls from the city attorney's office.

## 'House Detective' program planned

"House Detective: Investigating Architecture" is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. This program is best suited for ages 12 and above. It is included in the regular admission price \$3 adults, \$2.50 senior citizens, \$1.50 students and \$1 children. Reservations are required. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

## HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

# Annual boat, RV sales event held

Royal Productions will hold the End of Summer Boat and RV Super Sale at the Showplace Exhibition Center in Richmond on Aug. 15-17.

This event is an expansion of a similar boat show held for two years, which proved to be tremendously popular with the public.

The admission fee has been eliminated to attract more people to examine the boating and RVing lifestyle. The show will

feature all types of boats and recreational vehicles on display from dealers who see this as an opportunity to sell their remaining stock of 1997 models and to introduce the new 1998 models.

"Dealers often put the best prices of the year on their product at this time of the year. That's because if the current year's models aren't sold, the dealer will have to hold them over until next winter's shows," reports

show producer David Posner.

This type of event has been used for years by the automotive industry to sell leftover products. Boats on display will include runabouts, pontoon boats, bass boats, sport fishing boats, ski boats, jon boats and personal watercraft. Recreation vehicles will include everything from tent campers and travel trailers to mini- and Class A-motorhomes.

This is an excellent chance for people who have been curious about the boating or RVing lifestyle to examine the products

and explore the opportunities offered by each group of enthusiasts.

The End of Summer Boat and RV Super Sale is being held indoors and outdoors at the Showplace, 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike (Route 260 East), just half a mile off I-64. Free parking is available in the paved, lighted lot. Hours of the sale are Friday from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 804-288-5653.

## Thoroughgood House trials "Court Days"

On May 15, 1637, Adam Thoroughgood opened his house to friends and neighbors from various parts of Norfolk County.

While he and other large land owners convened in the house to discuss pressing concerns, his wife Sarah presided over the masses of people on her lawn, seeing to refreshments for all and chatting with her friends.

Those people on the lawn were involved in all sorts of activities. Some gathered in a quiet corner with a pair of dice, while others brought livestock to show and perhaps sell. Many exchanged food "receipts" and health remedies and a few others took the opportunity to sell ribbons and cakes.

The day was filled with business and activity. With so many people in one place, tempers could flare. Old disputes were brought up and a spontaneous fencing match erupted before neighbors had a chance to tell their side of the story.

What was the reason for all of this activity? Mr. Thoroughgood's property? It was Court Day.

The Adam Thoroughgood House will recreate "17th

Century Court Days" on Aug. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Law and Order of the 17th century will be discussed as visitors listen and take part in some of the actual lawsuits presented throughout the 17th century in Norfolk County.

Meet a friend of Sarah Thoroughgood who has made the difficult journey to visit and conduct personal business on this important social occasion. Grace Sherwood, the infamous Witch of Pungo, will explain how she came to be tried as a witch. Buy a ribbon for your dress, they'll be just a penny and sample some of the best refreshments Mrs. Thoroughgood could provide.

Take part in 17th century games of skill and chance. As you tour the house, actors from Living History Associates will invite you to take part in reenactments of original court cases. Come take part in a day of fun for the entire family and see whether or not another fencing match will break out.

The interactive program will be held at the Thoroughgood House, 1636 Parish Rd. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 664-6283.

## Wenger added to Chesapeake Conference Center team

Janet Tye Wenger has been added to the sales staff of the Chesapeake Conference Center.

Wenger worked as an administrative office associate for the city's real estate assessor for 12 years. Prior to that, she was executive secretary and sales associate at E.F. Hutton and Company for five years.

Wenger attended Elon College in North Carolina and Tidewater

Community College. She was a member of the Virginia Association of Officers and is a resident of Chesapeake.

"Janet brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the staff of the Chesapeake Conference Center," said Bill Lindley, manager of the conference center. "She is a welcome and needed addition to our team."

The Chesapeake Conference Center, a meeting, convention and banquet facility, is currently under construction in Virginia's fourth largest and fastest growing city. The building is slated for completion in September.

Wenger

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## Information meeting on welfare reform slated

The Virginia Beach Department of Social Services is sponsoring a series of public information meetings designed to answer questions about how welfare reform will affect recipients.

Virginia Beach and other Hampton Roads cities will implement the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) on Oct. 1.

Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) whose youngest child is 18 months or older will be required to find employment. Once in the program, receipt of TANF is limited to two years.

Informational meeting dates are:

- Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Seateack Community Recreation Center, 141 South Birdneck Rd.
- Aug. 28, 10 a.m., Seateack Community Recreation Center,

141 South Birdneck Rd. ■ Sept. 3, 10 a.m., Kempsville Recreation Center, 800 Monmouth Ln.

■ Sept. 4, 7 p.m., Kempsville High School, 5194 Chief Trail.

■ Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Green Run High School, 1700 Dahlia Dr.

■ Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Twin Canal Community Center, 3700 Windlass Circle No. 101.

■ Sept. 16, 10 a.m., Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1440 Ewell Rd.

■ Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1440 Ewell Rd.

■ Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

For more information on welfare reform, call Beach-Line, 427-3580, ext. 501, or the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services, 437-3200.

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# Beach blasters beat the heat

## Dog days no problem for oceanfront-goers

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

T.S. Eliot said that April is the cruellest month, but he never spent an August in Hampton Roads.

Fortunately, both locals and tourists know that the oceanfront is the key to survival on these steamy, sweltering dog day afternoons.

Here, the ocean breezes and cool salty water provide relief from the misery inland, and there's plenty of recreation to help fight the summer boredom.

There's such a hubbub of activity along the boardwalk that some even find it a little bewildering. Here, tourists, locals, teens and retired couples rub shoulders while each pursue his own brand of pleasure.

"Gosh, this is a busy place," one tourist called to her husband on a recent sunny Sunday afternoon.

He lagged a few paces behind her, evidently distracted by the families riding bicycles or giant tricycles. A group of local kids rollerblade past him while a few more carry boogie boards down to the ocean, where they join other kids riding the gentle waves, sunning or playing in the surf.

Some tourists shy away from the waves, however, and swim in hotel pools within a few hundred feet of the ocean. Others sit at sidewalk cafes and watch the families stroll by eating snowcones.

"I see both tourists and locals," said Judy Bond, who sells cotton candy and snowcones at Boardwalk Amusements.

"And you can really tell who's who. Everybody who lives here in Virginia Beach is very nice, but the tourists have usually been out in the sun all day and they're grouchy. Tourists sometimes ask directions, she continued, "but I have to tell them I don't know because I just moved here from Tampa and all I know is my way

home and to the grocery store."

It's the city's laid-back, friendly atmosphere that keeps the tourists coming in spite of the hot sun, according to one man who was watching children ride the Ferris Wheel.

"I live in Washington, D.C. and I come down here about four or five times a summer," he said.

"I come here instead of Ocean City (Md.) because it's more relaxing here, not as uptight. And I'm originally from Los Angeles, so I just have this theory that the further south you get the warmer the water is and the better the waves are."

**"Everybody who lives here in Virginia Beach is very nice, but the tourists have usually been out in the sun all day and they're grouchy."**

Judy Bond, vendor

It's strictly a local's scene a little further south, just across the Rudee Inlet Bridge. Here, the parking's limited and swimming's prohibited but the fishing's great, at least according to one frequent visitor.

"I fish all summer, and I always come here," said Susan Wright. "I catch flounder, spot and croaker, you can usually catch something here. But you have to get here real early because there's very little parking."

The fishing's been pretty good lately, she added, thanks to the light southwest winds. "Anything besides a northeast wind's OK," she said.

The light winds and flat surf are strictly bad news for the surfers down at Camp Pendleton, however.

This beach, which provides free parking and a relatively large surfing area attracts a young crowd, and the beachgoers have the telltale sunstreaked hair and bronze skin of local kids.

"The surfing has been down lately," said Eric McDevitt. "Right now, we're waiting for hurricane season, we mostly come down here to hang out."

"This is a surfer beach," his friend, Adam Wright, continued. "We used to go to First Street, but there are too many tourists there."

"This is a surfing beach," agreed lifeguard Jonathan Smith, "but we also get families here. But there aren't too many tourists, it's mostly locals, and it's very friendly here."

Smith, who's been lifeguarding for 11 years, has worked at Camp Pendleton for six years. He prefers the outdoor work "to an office job, which I work during the summer," but admits that he sometimes worries about getting too much sun.

"I wear sunscreen and sit under the umbrella," he said. "But some people who work here like to get fried," he added, glancing over at his supervisor, Michelle Margiotta.

Michelle admits that she likes getting a tan, but she said working with people is what she likes best about her job. "I was never a beach person," she said, "but I took a lifeguarding class, and I came here for one year, figuring that I'd never come back. Now this is my third year here, and I've made a lot of friends."

Even a dog needs to stay cool during dog days, and there's plenty of them bounding in the surf at Sandbridge's relatively secluded North End.

Here, children toss frisbees, tourists try out their new boogie boards and sailors and canoeists brave enough to take on the ocean find a haven away from the boardwalk crowds.

"This is a six-man Hawaiian outrigger canoe," explained canoeist Todd Lannom, pointing to the six-foot long boat in the sand. "I'm a member of the Sandbridge Outrigger Canoe Club, and we keep our boats here. The club was founded by James and Pat Barton, who live right here," he added, pointing to a beach house up on the dune.

The nine-member club will compete in the East Coast Surfing Championship later this month, Lannom continued, and they hope to attract other



Photo by Jane Rowe

**BEATING THE HEAT.** Even a dog needs to escape the dog days of August, as canine Thor found out. Playing along the beach with his human companions Kate and Colleen Burns and Jennifer Peterson was a cooling workout.

outrigger canoeists from around the country.

"This was one of the first types of canoes to be used on the East Coast," he said. "We all also surf, it's good cross-training because you're using the same upper body muscles." The benefit to these canoes, he added is "that you can ride the waves in these things, especially when it's calm like this."

Calm, gentle waves spell fun for the very young, too, as 3-year-old Alexa Boytchev discovered when her mother helped her onto a boogie board.

"She's not even quite four, but she wants to keep up with the big kids," said her mother, Lisa, who's vacationing at Sandbridge with relatives.

"The whole family comes down here," said her aunt, Raffaella Betesh, who's from Connecticut.

"We caravan down here in several cars, and we have as many kids as adults. We enjoy the beach and the wildlife refuge. There's so much to do here, we go to museums with the children, and to the water parks and to Norfolk. There are just so many places to go."

She agreed that the breeze provided relief from the heat, but the beach's real attraction, she said, is the dolphins. "My favorite thing is watching the sun come up and seeing the dolphins. You can see them out there swimming in a beam of light, and we get up every morning to see it."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Hampton Roads Internet Association will meet at the Virginia Beach Central Library, in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on Aug. 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. The Aug. 21 topic is "A Night with Real Audio!" Jay James, Special Events coordinator for the association will demonstrate the use of Real Audio (The Player) on various Internet sites.

A Christian singles' "Mix and Mingle Dance" will be held Saturday, Aug. 16 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. It is sponsored by CBN Ministry Events and Equally Yoked Christian Introductory Service. Music is provided by Christian DJ. Cost is \$10. To purchase advance tickets call 523-3200.

City Council member Louisa Strayhorn (Kempville Borough) will host her monthly town meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Tallwood High School, 1668 Kempville Rd., from 7-9 p.m.

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will meet on Monday, Aug. 11 at 5 p.m., in the City Manager's Conference Room to go over public comments received to date. This meeting immediately precedes the Planning Commission's Public Hearing that is planned for 6 p.m., on the same date, in the City Council Chambers.

Great Neck Recreation Center, in partnership with Virginia Beach General Cardiac Fitness Center, will hold a Summer Fitness Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults can participate in a blood pressure, body composition and total cholesterol screening. Registration deadline is Aug. 11, and cost is \$15 per person. For further information, call Great Neck Athletics, 496-6766, TDD 471-5839.

The Virginia Beach Christian Women's Club West will hold a "Crowning Touch" Brunch on Aug. 18 from 10:45-12:45 p.m. at Grand Affairs, 2036 East Pleasure House Rd. "Headline Hints," a helpful hair style demonstration presented by Myles Philip Group Hair Salon and Day Spa, will be the special feature. "Sound Waves" of sweet music will be presented by Libby Woodward. "Permanent Advice" for creative expressions of celebration will be shared by teacher/entrepreneur Dian Thoman of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Cost is \$8.95. Brunch and nursery reservations are necessary. Call Lori, 721-4156, or Virginia, 424-8112, by Aug. 14.

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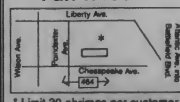
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### Creative genius

Youngsters are expressing their creative talents at this year's ArtCamp classes, a series of week-long sessions in clay, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture, and more offered by the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Katherine Courage, top photo, 10, shows off the collage she made. In Catherine Evan's "Clay Every Which Way" class, bottom photo, children made an animal, tile, jewelry, and sculpture out of clay. Brett Varga, 7, and classmate Jake, left, and Rachel Good, 8, right photo, admired their works.



## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Beach's Smith awarded life membership in clerk's academy

Virginia Beach City Clerk Ruth Hodges Smith was recently honored by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks with a life membership in the IIMC Academy of Advanced Education.

Smith is the first municipal clerk in Virginia to receive this honor.

Smith has been city clerk here since 1978 and is currently serving on the 2000 Committee and the International Relations Committee of IIMC. In the year 2000, IIMC will hold its first annual conference in The Netherlands.

Smith became a member of the

Virginia Municipal Clerks Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks immediately upon her appointment as clerk and enrolled in the IIMC/ODU Institute of Higher Learning with continuing education credits.

She first became a certified municipal clerk, in 1982, and later attended the IIMC/ODU Academy where she qualified for the first four-year term in 1983.

She continued her education with renewal in the IIMC Academy three consecutive four-year terms and recently was qualified as a sustaining member. Smith served as the president

of Virginia Municipal Clerks Association in 1982-83 and 1983-84, becoming the only clerk to have served two consecutive years as VMCA president.

Smith also was honored as "Clerk of the Year" in April 1987 and served as director of the International Municipal Clerks on their Board of Directors 1986-89. She has served IIMC committees as a member, vice chair and chair, and was selected by the IIMC president to participate in an all-expense-paid study tour of municipal government in England, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany in 1989.

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Post commander DeWitt achieves special status

John E. DeWitt of Virginia Beach has achieved All American status as a post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

He will be recognized at the 98th annual VFW national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah on Aug. 16-21 by VFW Commander-in-Chief James E. Nier.

DeWitt, Commander of Post 392 Virginia Beach, is one of only 49 VFW post commanders worldwide selected for All American status.

### Suspect sought in Bayside Pharmacy robbery

On Saturday, July 12 at about 7:30 p.m., the Bayside Pharmacy at 4801 Shore Dr. was robbed. A man implying he had a weapon approached the prescription counter and demanded the pharmacist fill a bag with narcotic drugs or he would kill them. The pharmacist complied and the robber left after thanking them.



### Crime Solvers

By Det. Jim Barnes, Virginia Beach Police Department

The robber is white, about 30 years old, 6-foot tall, with a medium build and weighed 170 to 180 pounds. He had short brown hair, was clean shaven and had tanned skin. He wore black oval framed sunglasses and black high top tennis shoes. A faded blue '88 or '89 Chevrolet Celebrity with a white stripe down the side was seen leaving the area after the robbery.

If you know this person or have any information about this crime, call Virginia Beach Crime Solvers' Tip Line at 427-0000 or the new regional Hampton Roads Tip Line at 1-888-LOCK-UP-UP. You will be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 and will remain anonymous.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF PARCEL B, BOWEN RIVER, 3.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA  
GPIN 1494384330000

Pursuant to the Decree of Sale entered by the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach on April 26, 1996 and the Order entered July 11, 1997 in the matter of ALICE L. ETHERIDGE v. DOROTHY ADAIR, ET AL., in Chancery No. CH93-626, James M. Pickrell, Jr. Special Commissioner, having been authorized to, will offer the below described property for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 A.M. on August 12, 1997, on the steps of Building 10 of the Virginia Beach Judicial Center facing the circular driveway and the new parking lot in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia; the said property being described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract of land, containing eleven (11) acres, more or less, situated near Play Grove Church, in the County of Princess Anne, Virginia, and is the same land conveyed to Samson Shaw by the heirs of Meredith Durden, deceased, and conveyed by the said Shaw and wife to John T. Woodhouse.

IT BEING a part of the same property that was conveyed to the said Norfolk Federal Savings and Loan Association by Princess Anne and Norfolk Mutual Building and Loan Association by its deed dated May 29, 1937, duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Princess Anne County in Deed Book 188, Page 286.

Less and except the following conveyances: (i) Ernest and Ella Mae Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 690, Page 399; (ii) William C. Etheridge, Jr. and Rose Anna Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 697, Page 231; (iii) William C. Etheridge, Jr. and Rosanna Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 703, Page 536; (iv) Robert Etheridge and Frances Etheridge by Deed recorded in Deed Book 704, Page 262; (v) and Wayne S. Flora and Richard W. Hancock by Deed recorded in Deed Book 1156, Page 84.

The successful bidder will be required to pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price at the time of the sale and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in full and settlement made within twenty (20) days thereafter. Deed will be conveyed to Special Warranty. The successful bid will be subject to confirmation and

acceptance by the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach as to all terms thereof including price.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JAMES M. PICKRELL, JR., SPECIAL COMMISSIONER KELLAM, PICKRELL, COX & TAYLOR,

A Professional Corporation  
403 Boush Street  
Suite 300  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
Telephone: 757-627-8365

#### Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 476 CRONIN ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23452

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kenneth E. Stine and Robin Lynne Stine, husband and wife, to William E. Buynr, Trustee, on January 11, 1994, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3351, Page 1335, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at 9:00 A.M., August 14, 1997, at the front entrance of the Virginia Beach Judicial Center, Building 10, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the following real property: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, known, numbered and designated as Lot 15, Block 1, Birchwood Gardens, Section 2, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Map Book 41, at page 13.

TERMS: CASH  
BIDDER'S DEPOSIT: 10% OF BID, BALANCE WITHIN 10 DAYS OF SALE.

WILLIAM E. BUYNR  
Trustee

#### FOR INFORMATION,

CONTACT: WILLIAM E. BUYNR, Trustee BUYNR & CROOK, ATTORNEYS  
1205 Bainbridge Blvd.  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23324  
Telephone: (757) 545-4954

#### Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, August 26, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

#### SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

##### LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Rudy Magnusen. Property is located on Lot 45A on Altherbas Drive. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

2. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Joseph C. Addison, Jr. Property is located south of Addison Rd. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Jack Rabbit Self-Storage for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouse (expansion) on the west side of S. Rosemont Road, south of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. Said parcel is located at 189 S. Rosemont Road and contains 5.515 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Checkered Flag Motor Car Company for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales at the southeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and N. Lynnhaven Road. Said parcel is located at 2865 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains .236 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

#### CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

##### KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Change of Zoning District Classification from 0-2 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of Baxter Road. 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recom-

mends use of the parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and containing 3.2407 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouse on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3.2407 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

#### BAYSIDE BOROUGH

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Church of St. Gregory The Great for a Conditional Use Permit for the expansion of existing school facility (Sullivan Hall) 650 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard and 120 feet more or less west of Clearfield Avenue. Said property is located at 5345 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 37,461.6 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

#### LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles G. & Susan L. Barker for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & service on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Regency Drive. Said parcel is located at 1905 Laskin Road and contains 34,230 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAC City Clerk

32-1 218-15

#### Public Notice

Auction: 1987 BUICK CENTURY

Serial: 1G4AH51R0HT474091

Auction Date: 08/15/97

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater

Accept. Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Tidewater Accept. Corp reserves the right to bid.

32-17 118-8

#### Public Notice

Auction: 1989 CHEVROLET S-10/WHITE

Serial: 1GCB514E8K3149288

Auction Date: 08/15/97

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater

Accept. Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Tidewater Accept. Corp reserves the right to bid.

32-16 118-8

#### Public Notice

Auction: 1985 HONDA ACCORD/GREY

Serial: JHMAD5437FC049261

Auction Date: 08/21/97

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater

Accept. Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Tidewater Accept. Corp reserves the right to bid.

32-15 118-8

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Take notice that on 8/4/97, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va. the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle.

1991 Dodge B350 Van

Serial # 2B7KB3125MK455741

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1987 Ford E350 Van

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1986 Ford E350 Van

Serial #1FTJE34YGHBA1666

32-10 118-8

### Professor picked for fellowship

Virginia Beach resident Dr. Emeke J. Okoli, an assistant professor in the Norfolk State University Department of Mass Communications and Journalism, has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education for a six-week summer Fulbright Fellowship in India under the Fulbright Hays Seminars Abroad Program.

The Norfolk State faculty member will join a team of 16 professors and educators from across the country participating in a series of seminars in India.

Titled "Continuity and Change: India on the Threshold of the 21st Century," the seminar is designed to allow the participants to glean relevant information about the changes facing one of the world's most populous nations.

The United States Educational Foundation in India will conduct the seminars for the Department of Education.

Okoli became a member of the NSU faculty in 1993. He holds a doctor of philosophy degree in organizational and intercultural communication from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Okoli received a higher national diploma (HND) — equivalent to a bachelor of arts degree — in film and television production from Harrow College of Higher Education in Harrow, England and a master of arts degree in television programming and production from Regent University.

A scholar in organizational and group communication, Okoli is adept in intercultural communication, cross cultural and diversity studies. He has studied and published several articles on intellectual migration from less developed to developed countries.

In addition, he has presented academic papers at professional conferences on Third World

development issues, and the role of the press in fostering democracy in Africa.

### Post commander DeWitt achieves special status

John E. DeWitt of Virginia Beach has achieved All American status as a post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

He will be recognized at the 98th annual VFW national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah on Aug. 16-21 by VFW Commander-in-Chief James E. Nier.

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# Fair brings out best of Beach

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visit for whatever reasons," said Kieth Hessey, vice president and general manager of Atlantic Rural Expositions, which produces both fairs.

Missions of Fair at the Beach are to whet residents' appetite for the State Fair, slated for Sept. 25 through Oct. 5, and begin a

## THE FUN CONTINUES

**What:** Fair at the Beach, a regional version of the Virginia State Fair.

**Where:** Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach.

**Who:** Presented cooperatively by Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Suffolk through Atlantic Rural Expositions, parent company of the State Fair of Virginia.

**When:** Through Aug. 10. Weekdays, 4-11 p.m.; weekends, noon-midnight.

**How much:** Adults, \$5; children 4-12 and senior citizens 60 and up, \$4; under age 3, free.

**Parking:** Free on-site. For more information: 491-6157.

scholarship fund for South Hampton Roads students.

For a first-time event Hessey said things were running "very smoothly" thanks to cooperation between Camp Pendleton and the five sponsoring cities — Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk. Each is being allotted two days to highlight the best aspects of its community.

Attendance, Hessey continued, was "beyond our expectations," with an average of 8,000 to 12,000 attending on Saturday and Sunday and 4,500 on weekdays.

Sunday, the third day of Fair at the Beach, was one of Chesapeake's designated days to shine. Residents were out in force to celebrate their hometown.

Janet Robbins, an adult volunteer with the Chesapeake 4-H Horse and Pony Club, was enjoying a mix of work and relaxation while son Austin, 3, posed for a picture on the 1940s tractor housed in the agricultural tent.

"I know this is an ideal place for kids to come with the animals, dirt and shovels. We'll probably spend more time here than on the rides," she said.

"I came today because I'm trying to support the 4-H that I work with. Some of my kids will be out here with their horses tomorrow putting on demonstration."

The agricultural tent's big draw was the "homemade baby-sitter," as Horsley dubbed it. A pit filled with corn, soybeans and wheat, children could frolic in the area's three major grains for hours of enjoyment.

"It's one of the best baby-sitters I know. Parents can come and sit on a bench and let the kids play," he beamed.

Virginia Beach Director of Agriculture Lou Cullipher was also grinning.

"We've had an opportunity to showcase agriculture in our fun barn. Most of the youngsters are surprised that we have such a viable agricultural industry, and the senior citizens can relate to when they grew up on a farm. You can see their eyes shine when they see the old tractor and



**BIRD'S EYE VIEW.** Fair at the Beach visitors can get a bird's eye view of the event from the 48-foot Ferris Wheel. There are more

than 50 games and rides, agricultural exhibitions and demonstrations, concerts and fun galore.

milking cow."

The cow, a fiberglass version of the real thing, was a real "pull" for city slickers who'd never experienced a milking session.

"I think the real thing is easier!" declared Betty Johnson of Chesapeake, a Great Bridge resident whose children were lured by the promise of rides galore.

"I think Fair at the Beach is a

great idea because lots of people can't get to the real fair in Richmond," she noted, "and the parking is a lot easier."

Activities continue through Sunday. The Fun Barn features a 400-bale straw maze for all ages and plenty of live animals to see. Antique buffs will enjoy the Tidewater Antique Engine Club's display of farm equipment and tractors from Chippokes Plantation.

Organizers hope the event will attract 35,000 over the 10-day span. All indications are that it will.

"Don (Horsley) and I see this as an opportunity for this to grow each year — to add more animals and interactive events. There's an educational component here, even though it's all fun."

"We want to articulate that food and fiber comes from farmers planting seed in soil. Livestock has to be bred. There are many, many more ideas, so with collaboration from the State Fair people we can maybe make it a reality."



Photos by Victoria Hecht

**SOMETHING'S FISHY.** Jeff Grim of Virginia Beach, 5, tries his hand at the "Fishy Fishy" game booth. The smile indicates a prize is in store.



**SLIPPING AND SLIDING.** Fair at the Beach seems to bring out the child in everyone as adults clamor on rides with their youngsters.



**PLANNERS PAUSE.** Fair at the Beach organizers Don Norsley, left, chairman, and Kieth Hessey, general manager, take a well-deserved break during the festival's 10-day run.

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## 'A great soccer day'

### Breakthrough talk

Dr. Aaron I. Vinik, the Eastern Virginia Medical School researcher who led a team that scored what appears to be a major breakthrough in the fight against diabetes, will give a lecture at the Virginia Beach Central Library on Wednesday.

Vinik, professor of internal medicine and director of the Diabetes Research Institute at EVMS, will discuss neuropathy (nerve damage), the most frequent complication of diabetes. His talk is free and open to the public, beginning at 7 p.m. and lasting about an hour.

Neuropathy can affect all systems of the body, from the feet to the heart, and often goes undetected and untreated because in many patients it causes no pain or other symptoms until it is advanced and damage occurs.

Vinik's name has become synonymous with progress in finding a possible cure for diabetes. Earlier this year his work involving a new gene and its related products that could play a key role in reversing diabetes was widely reported.

### Saying thanks

The Aragona Village Moose Lodge No. 1198 will host its picnic for area fire department and rescue squad personnel and their families on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Staff and families from Stations 3, 16 and 18 have been invited to attend.

A check will be presented to the Virginia Beach Fire Department toward the purchase of a specialized helmet that allows firefighters to see through heavy smoke in buildings and will assist in saving lives. The rescue squad at Station 16 will also receive a check to use as needed in assisting them with their efforts in saving lives.

### Sing out!

The Christian Gospel Jubilee, a musical celebration of male choruses, will be held on Friday (today) at 7 p.m. Invited guests include Providence Male Chorus, Morning Star Male Chorus, Ebenezer Baptist Male Chorus and Union Chapel Male Chorus.

All services will take place at Greater St. Andrew's A.M.E. Church, 3008 MacDonal Rd. Dr. Raymond C. Pittman is host pastor. For more information, call the church office, 420-4209.

### Baby talk

Virginia Beach General Hospital offers a six-week prepared childbirth class in the AHome Care Office, Oxford Square on 1450 Kempville Rd., beginning Monday, Sept. 8 or Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Another class is offered on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning on Sept. 21.

The class is designed for expectant parents. A certified childbirth educator will help prepare participants intellectually and emotionally for the childbirth experience using the Lamaze Method of childbirth.

There is a fee. For more information and to register, call the AHome Care Maternal/Child Program, 407-4037.

### Applause!

The Arthritis Foundation will host "Applause," a children's fashion show and luncheon to benefit juvenile arthritis, on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Greenbrier Country Club. Parents can help their child raise \$300 or more to benefit children who suffer from the crippling pain of arthritis. The foundation is recruiting children aged 5 to 13 to be fashion show models. Proceeds will help fund research and programs for the thousands of children suffering from juvenile arthritis.

For more information, call Betty M. Bell, 420-4638.

### Maritime training

The Tidewater Maritime Training Institute will be accepting applications for the Basic Shipyard Helper training program from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 2-4. Training is designed for those individuals interested in pursuing a career in the ship repair industry.

The course is three months, during which time all trainees learn the basics of ship repair. Job interviews are arranged for successful graduates. This course is no cost to those who qualify. Apply in person at Tidewater Maritime Training Institute, 3335 Croft St. in Norfolk.

### Action on water

International Jet Sports Boating Association-sanctioned personal watercraft competition returns to Virginia Beach for round three of the Sea-Doo Mid-Atlantic Challenge Series.

Racing action takes place Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. on the oceanfront at 31st Street.

Beginners can also join the action by registering from 7 to 9 a.m. on the beachfront at 31st Street.

## Public-private partnership made new complex possible

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

Whether playing on school fields or community lots, thousands of Virginia Beach residents get their kicks with soccer.

The competition is healthy and makes for a good physical workout, but enthusiasts have often "met their match" trying to find the best place to play.

Not anymore.

Beginning with this weekend's Beach FC "Fun in the Sun" Girls Soccer Tournament, the new Hampton Roads Soccer Complex provides 19 fields for the United States' fastest growing sport.

Supporters last week cut the ribbon

on the \$2.5 million facility. It sits on 75 acres of city-owned land at Princess Anne Park behind the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater. The complex, funded by the soccer community, individual and corporate donations, foundation grants, city contributions and fund-raising events, was lauded as a successful public-private partnership.

"We love it when a plan comes together in public-private partnership and the volunteers have made good things happen for our children."

"On behalf of the council I was very proud that we were able to make the 75 acres available to the Hampton Roads Soccer Council and also the fact

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KICK IT! Mayor Meyers Oberndorf was joined by young soccer enthusiasts as she kicked out the first ball at the new Hampton Roads Soccer Complex.

## Welfare recipients get new 'VIEW'

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

With welfare reform's Oct. 1 implementation fast approaching, the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services is taking steps to assure a smooth transition.

The latest measure is a series of public information meetings designed to answer questions about how changes will affect recipients of public assistance.

Under the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW), recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) whose youngest child is 18 months or older

## Middle Age madness

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

The sounds of swords clashing and men shouting fill the air as armor-clad knights confront each other. They spar eagerly and gracefully while elegantly dressed ladies cheer their champions.

Small children dressed in flowing gowns sip beverages, eat snacks and watch their fathers in action.

If this sounds like a storybook picture of a medieval jousting tournament, look more closely.

You'll see that the "swords" are really wooden sticks and the men are red-faced and panting inside their armor and helmets.

The wooden sticks indicate that these "knights" are depicting young warriors-in-training, who practiced with the less dangerous sticks until they were considered skilled enough to use swords. Their obvious

discomfort tells the onlooker that they aren't really northern European knights but 20th-century history buffs jousting in a Virginia Beach heat wave.

The "love of history" is what brought these knights and their ladies out in last weekend's heat to attend the Medieval Festival at Lynnhaven House, according to Joel Thompson, president of the Virginia Medieval Association.

A certain romantic inclination and a lot of fluids kept them there, dressed in costumes designed for a much cooler climate as temperatures climbed into the high 90s.

The festival included displays of medieval banner, household goods and traveling tents, demonstrations by armor makers and leatherworkers and costume-clad hostesses with

their children.

But it was the sparring knights who drew the most attention — and the most sympathy from those who attended.

Metal armor, Thompson and the others said, was never designed to be worn in 95-degree weather. "It's not this hot in Europe now, and 1,000 years ago it was even cooler," he added.

"I drink lots of water," said Robert Deen, who depicted knight Robert Bosworth. "And I've tried to get ready. I've been wearing this armor around for about three weeks."

Deen, like other members of the association, came well-equipped with armor, helmet, and a sword to use when he wasn't depicting a knight-in-training.

And, like many, his interest in the Middle Ages stems partly from a quest to find his own roots.

Robert Bosworth is a fictitious character, Deen continued, but some of his ancestors were from the Bosworth family, including one scholar who founded the English system of colleges around 1450.

Although he grew up in Oregon, Deen's discovered that some members of his family lived in coastal North Carolina, where he now lives, when they first came to this country.

Interest in medieval and Renaissance history is particularly high in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, where many residents are descended from these early English settlers, Thompson said.

"So many of our customs are based in the medieval times," he said. "And around here, although you're talking about Early American history, that can be traced directly

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SWORD PLAY. Joel Thompson, left, and George Hackett portrayed a Viking and German mercenary, respectively, as they braved the heat for last weekend's Medieval Festival at Lynnhaven House.

## Family Channel facility delayed

By Lee Cahill  
City-Council Reporter

The applicant for a rezoning and conditional use permit for a Bendix Road television transmission facility didn't seem to have all the background information usually provided with such applications — at least not enough for councilwoman Barbara Henley.

The problem was that the applicant was the city of Virginia Beach, and Henley said, "I don't think we're setting a very good example."

She said the council gets applications to meet with the neighbors, but one neighbor said that the city did not contact him. Henley said that she would like to see drawings of proposed structures, landscaping and other information provided by other applicants.

As a result, council last week delayed for two weeks the application of the city for a change of zoning from O-2 office district and I-2 heavy

industrial district to I-1 light industrial, district and a conditional use permit.

The television transmission facility would serve the International Family Channel on 16.01 acres at the northeast and northwest intersections of Bendix Road and the Virginia Beach/Norfolk Expressway.

The Family Channel, recently purchased from CBN, has a preliminary contract with the city to purchase the property. As part of the purchase proposal, the Department of Economic Development agreed to handle the rezoning and conditional use permit applications necessary for the proposed use of the property.

The site plan submitted with the applications shows a rectangular building facing south toward the Expressway with a 45,000-square-foot footprint.

A resident, Carlo diGiovanni, who lives across Thalia Creek from the proposed project, said that he wanted a 30-foot high metal mesh fence put up to protect him against any radiation.

He said he also wanted a wall to protect him from the noise in the 320-slot parking lot that is being planned.

He said that no one in the city contacted him. diGiovanni said that the Family Channel also is talking about future expansion and "I don't want to see another parking lot."

He said he was asked for protection rather than objecting to the project because "once the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) gets in its mind to build something there's no stopping them."

He said he represented seven or eight property owners who live in his cul de sac.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn wanted to know when the city has required sound walls on two sides from a business.

Henley said she needed to feel comfortable with the project.

Although the project will have to meet FCC standards and pass site plan review, Henley pointed out this was council's only shot at it.

Council voted 9-4 for the deferral until Aug. 26. Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. dissented and councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. abstained because his law firm represents the Family Channel.

### PICK A DATE

Welfare reform informational meeting dates are scheduled for:

■ Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Seateck Recreation Center, 114 Birdneck Rd.

■ Thursday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m., Seateck Recreation Center.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m., Kempville Recreation Center, 800 Monmouth Ln.

■ Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m., Kempville High School, 5194 Chief Trail.

■ Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Green Run High School, 1700 Dahlia Ln.

■ Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Twin Canal Community Center, 3700 Windlass Circle.

■ Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m., Bayside Presbyterian Church.

■ Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Bayside Presbyterian Church.

■ Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

will be required to find employment. Once in the program, receipt of TANF is limited to two years.

According to Cindy Kirkland, a Social Services administrative analyst, 937 Virginia Beach residents will be affected.

The meetings, beginning Tuesday at Seateck Recreation Center, are designed to inform and alleviate fears and misconceptions about welfare reform.

"For the last two years we've been implementing the other components of welfare reform and trying to tell our customers what's going to happen — to keep them informed as much as possible about the new program," said Kirkland.

"But because it has taken so long to get to VIEW it probably hasn't sunk in. We want to be as clear as we can with our customers," she continued.

Nine informational sessions will be held around the city.

"We're trying to have some in the morning and some in the evening so that we can even reach the people who

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# Commentary

## WELFARE REFORM

### Everyone's responsibility

On Oct. 1 Virginia's approach to public assistance will get a major overhaul. Two words — "welfare reform" — have rarely packed as much punch.

Nor do they arouse so many mixed emotions. VIEW, the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare, is changing views of a welfare system that many feel failed years ago. To those people it was too long in coming. Others, including many who will be affected by the program which will make them work for their entitlements, are afraid of the change.

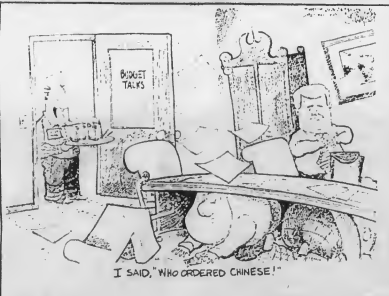
Both sides are justified in their feelings. According to VIEW, the work component of welfare reform, recipients of public assistance found eligible for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) must find work. Those unable to get jobs will participate in intensive community work experience. As an incentive, VIEW participants can keep the money they earn up to the poverty level, creating a renewed motivation to work. Other incentives allow for transitional Medicaid, child care and transportation during the transition from dependence to independence.

Unless one has walked in the shoes of a welfare recipient, as one Virginia Beach social worker noted, he cannot understand the fear they face. Nor can he feel the stigma that comes with public assistance.

Hampton Roads social workers admit the transition will be tough, which is why they are enlisting the public to help.

Jobs will not automatically be available for the thousands — many unskilled — who must find employment. The business community must work with local Departments of Social Services. The unskilled will need mentors to guide, teach and motivate them. Those affected by welfare reform will likely be unsure of themselves and need spiritual support. The church community can supply that.

Rather than criticize, Hampton Roads must pull together for a smooth transition from dependence to independence. Everyone will benefit in the long run. — V.E.H.



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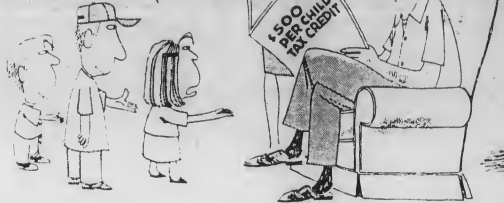
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## Vacation spells battle of sexes

The end of summer means one thing in the Hecht household — we start planning our annual vacation.

This rite is usually reserved for early September, just in time to enjoy the warmth before autumn sets in and just late enough to miss most of the vacation traffic.

Evan and I have devised a plan for vacation — he picks the trip one year, I pick the next.

I tend to plan vacations where you do, so much that you need a vacation to recover from your vacation.

He likes a laid-back holiday. I like to hit the road and put some miles on the car. He likes to find one destination and stay put.

He likes to save money by staying with friends or relatives. Me? Well, that's never been my strong suit. The better the vacation means the more money spent.

This year is Evan's turn to pick, so we're headed for Seattle again to stay with his best friend, Bruce, and his wife, Janet. Last year we spend a week trekking through the Smoky Mountains and crammed hiking, rafting and horseback riding in between. The summer before that, '95, we visited Bruce and Janet.

The good thing about any vacation

is the food, i.e. I don't have to cook. The bad thing is all the planning that goes into making a good vacation.

I was reminded of that last week when my colleague, Bob Rueggeger, wrote a column about vacation or deals. In other words, he hates packing. Bob also lamented about how much more "stuff" women like to carry on vacation.

It's not "like," Bob, it's "have" to carry.

Men, as Bob stated, would ideally like to pack nothing more than one change of clothing, a toothbrush, comb and deodorant for a trip — no matter how long it will last. I think my husband would readily agree with that.

Women, however, think "prepared." We will not — no, we cannot — leave home without all the necessities of life stowed away in the trunk or, at the very least, in luggage.

What are "necessities of life"? Beauty items are number one.

To look good for our men, women require an arsenal of powders, creams, lotions and other paraphernalia involved with "getting pretty." The battery could entail makeup, big bottles of shampoo and conditioner, hand and foot creams, hair dryer, hair spray, mouse, etc. In fact, hair products could take up one whole suitcase.

Next comes clothing. A woman must be prepared for any situation. In go the shorts, T-shirts, jeans, sneakers and sandals. Plus dresses, pants, blazers, dress blouses, swimsuits and all the necessary undergarments.

And shoes, can't forget the shoes. That's my personal downfall. Pursues, too — one to match each outfit.

Next we have the peripheral items. Cameras must be packed, as well as books, snacks, Walkmans, a few more books, sunglasses, maps, travel guides, tapes or CDs to listen to in the Walkman, and a million other little "must haves."

Evan always complains about the big purse I carry on vacations, although the reason for it becomes distinctly clear as time passes. One day I'm carrying my sunglasses, then his keys, then his checkbook, wallet, change and everything else imaginable. Small purchases and cameras also end up in this vast wasteland.

I begin packing a week in advance. Evan begins packing the night before or morning of the trip, preferably when we have to be at the airport in 30 minutes and he still hasn't picked out what to wear.

The end of a vacation is just as trying.

When we arrive home Evan plods down on the sofa and grabs the remote control. I get the other chores — unpacking, sorting the mail, going through newspapers, washing the refrigerator laundry, restocking the refrigerator and fixing dinner.

What? The question is whether a vacation is worth all the effort. Despite the pre- and post-work, I must say. It's the only escape from reality that I get in a year, and yes, I don't have to cook.

So as vacation time draws near, I beg my coworkers to bear with me as I prepare for departure. I must get ahead on work, pack for two and choose the sites we're going to see with the help of my AAA Guide. Seattle, here we come!

## On the road to Rosewell

Heading home late one Sunday afternoon on my way back from Richmond, I decided to cross Lord Delaware Bridge over the York River at West Point and return by way of Gloucester.

I was running a little later than I had anticipated but still hoped to be able to stop for a short visit at Rosewell. I had a pretty good idea where the old mansion was, but I had never actually been there.

I turned right off George Washington Memorial Highway onto Route 614 at the Little Sioux Store at White Marsh and followed that down to Aberdeen Creek Road and turned left. So far, so good.

I followed that twisting, turning road all the way to Gum Point and realized that I'd gone too far.

Backtracking, I noticed a bent sign that said Old Rosewell Road.

Hmm. I turned down the gravel road bordered by corn fields and wondered if Rosewell was really at the end of this road.

I had guessed correctly this time with the way of the street sign.

As I entered through the open wooden gate, I noticed two automobiles preparing to leave. Because the gravel road was too narrow for cars to pass, I backed out and pulled off the road to allow the other vehicles to pass.

One vehicle drove by as I expected, but the other automobile stopped and the Rosewell Founda-

tion docent rolled down her window.

"It is closed?" I asked.

"Yes, it is," said the lady in the car.

"Do you think I could take a quick look anyway?" I pleaded.

The white-haired docent in the white Oldsmobile looked at me for a few seconds and said nothing. Apparently, she was sizing me up.

"I suppose so," she finally said, "you look trustworthy to me."

Some folks might have taken that comment the wrong way, but I didn't. The way that she said it convinced me that her remark was sincere and that she intended it as the highest of compliments.

Imagine that! I looked trustworthy. I felt pretty good about that.

I thanked her for the special consideration and prepared to drive through the gates again.

"Don't stay too long," she cautioned. "We're going to send someone by to look up in about half an hour."

She drove off and I had Rosewell all to myself.

I had wanted to visit the ancestral home of the Pages for years, but my timing had been a little off, so I was pleased to finally be able to visit the grounds.

Sure, I'd seen photos of the Rosewell ruins, pictures of the mansion before the tragic fire that destroyed it, and drawings of stately residence as it appeared before the American Revolution. But I really wasn't totally prepared for what I saw.

Rosewell must have been truly magnificent, even when John Page took over managing the estate in 1771.

When construction began around 1725, it was designed to be the grandest of the Colonial homes built in Virginia. Originally, this 30-room, three-story brick plantation house boasted four T-shaped chimneys topped with imported Portland stone

caps from England.

I walked slowly around what remained of the once grand mansion, imagining how the three-story brick edifice might have looked in colonial times. The four chimneys stood as shadows silently reaching skyward along with the east wall with its compasshead window and carved keystones.

I carefully examined each side and corner of what remained, searching for visual clues to the structure's past. While most of the English basement and wine cellar appeared to be intact, only portions of the walls were standing. The craftsmanship in the Flemish bond brickwork is still evident in the ruins of today.

If Mann Page I and Mann Page II intended to build a mansion that rivaled the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg — and some say they did — the ruins of Rosewell suggest that they succeeded. Enough of Page's Palace still exists to convince me of it.

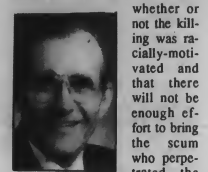
But there's a little more to it than just bricks, mortar and stonework. There's also the matter of imagination and sensitivity within each visitor which really allows the guest to see 18th-century Colonial Virginia from today's shell. It's hard to explain. One would probably have to visit Rosewell to understand. It's probably more a feeling that leads to an understanding in this case.

The road that led to Rosewell was a path into historic 18th-century Virginia for me. At first glance, I saw ruins, but sensitivity and imagination revealed the shadows and spirits of the past.

Perhaps, the Rosewell Foundation slogan comes close to explaining the spirit of the historic ruins by submitting that Rosewell is a "place" — where the past is a presence."

## Murder is no black, white issue

Blacks and whites alike should be outraged at the slaying of Paul "G.P." Johnson of Elk Creek. I am afraid too much attention will be focused on



### The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

Of course, we must remember that

the two suspects — Louis J. Ceparano and Emmitt Cressell — are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

However, for the sake of argument, let's say that they are found guilty of setting Paul Johnson on fire and beheading him.

Would they deserve to be housed in an air-conditioned prison, eating the best foods, reading *Playboy* and *Penhouse* magazines, watching television, working out in a modern gym with a battery of state-appointed lawyers filing appeal after appeal paid for by the family of the victim and other taxpayers?

## Black or white has nothing to do with it. Man has always been inhumane to man.

If past experience means anything, the ACLU and death penalty advocates not only would want to spare their lives, but would want to rehabilitate them. How in the world can you rehabilitate someone who sets people on fire and beheads them? They should be skinned alive, filleted and fed to the sharks.

Black or white has nothing to do with it. Man has always been inhumane to man. Sadly, it will continue until the end of time. But we must work together to see that the criminal justice system and the courts do their job. Ridiculous verdicts like some that have been handed down recently must be stopped, even if the system has to be changed.

I can't wait to hear what the Pope, Mother Teresa and the Italian government would suggest we do in his case. If the suspects are convicted and sentenced to death, I doubt we'll hear much from the death penalty opponents. They wouldn't touch this one with a 40-foot pole.

When Italy took O'Dell to Rome and treated him as hero, I feel that they opened the door for the U.S. to send all of those who are executed over there to be so honored.

They already have a graveyard and plenty of space, so that should not be a problem. I don't know what caused those responsible for the merciless death of Paul Johnson to do what they did, but justice should be as swift as the flames that snuffed out his life.

Welcome to the real world.

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## Beach says 'thanks' for youth contributions

Virginia Beach will celebrate its third annual Youth Appreciation Day Saturday with a day-long celebration at Princess Anne Park including exhibits, food, music, games and field events.



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberndorf

The theme for this year is "I Can Fly." To get the youth involved in planning the event, the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation and the Community Action Resource Empowerment (CARE) Committee teamed up with students in an advertisement class at the Vocation Technology School in Virginia Beach.

Using the Macintosh 9500 computer and the Freehand 5.0 software, the students were asked to design a logo that was a self-expression, keeping the theme in mind. The winning logo will be displayed on T-shirts and buttons distributed to every child who attend the event. Each participant's entry will be on display throughout the day. The student's creations were judged by Brenda Michaels of the CARE Board of Directors, DeeLynn Smith and Yolanda Howell-Jones of Virginia Public Schools and Katherine Jackson of the Virginia Beach Public Information Office.

Ten students participated in the logo design contest—Heather Tyng, Carrie McGrath, Kim Edison, Mark

Heidlebaugh, Chip Haywood, Katherine Dudley, Robert Rhodes and Christopher Allison. Winners were, David Hawley, first place; Ollie Cortum, first place; and, Nancy Dugman, third place.

The Parks and Recreation Show-Mobile will be on hand showcasing local talent. The Virginia Marine Science Museum will have a display, as well as an array of Mascots from Geoffrey the Giraffe to Questy the Dog for the youth to enjoy.

Activities will include boxing, street hockey and step team exhibitions, an obstacle course and sack races. A Kids Komer area will be available for the younger children, complete with storytelling and face painting.

### The idea is to show the youth how much they are appreciated.

In addition to the events of previous years, the committee is currently working on a celebrity basketball game, a fashion show and an evening concert to wrap up the day's events.

The committee is soliciting the contributions and support of local merchants and local talent to help make this year's event one to remember. There is sure to be something for everyone. The focus of the day will be our youth, but parents are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun with your children.

The day's events will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Katherine Williams, administrative secretary for the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, contributed to this column.

## Suspect sought in service station robbery

Virginia Beach police need your help in locating a robbery suspect.

On Saturday, July 19 at 11:05 a.m., a black male robbed the manager of the Sav-A-Ton Service Station located in the 3500 block of Holland Road. The suspect had been seen earlier that morning using the pay phone in front of the station.

As the manager was leaving the station to get into a car, the suspect approached and displayed a silver handgun and demanded the bank deposit bag. After getting the bag the suspect ran north towards Chantry Drive and Walther Circle.

The suspect is about 27 years old, 5-feet-9-inches tall, 190 pounds, with



Suspect

a muscular build. He wore a camouflage hat and pants, a black T-shirt and black boots.

Crime Solvers will pay up to \$1,000 for information on this crime or any other crime. Call 427-0000. As always, you will remain anonymous and you will not have to appear in court.

## 'Adventures of Chessie' debut at Beach museum

Presented by the Virginia Marine Science Museum and Young Audiences of Virginia, The Amazing Adventures of Chessie the Manatee, a new musical puppet show, will preview at the museum Saturday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 1.

Free with admission, sneak preview vignettes will run between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily throughout the holiday weekend.

Through fast-paced song, dance and story, Chessie, the manatee, and his new-found friends introduce audience members to the Chesapeake Bay and its great diversity of plant and animal life. The show features burraku, a Japanese-style of puppetry, where puppeteers are completely visible while manipulating large puppets (some almost 5-feet long) on stage.

"The show is a true blend of art and science. Its multidisciplinary aspect crosses all curriculum and many grade levels," said Lynn Clements, director of programs and operations. "Children can learn about the Bay animals and their habitats, as well as an

important conservation message."

The musical puppet show is collaborative venture between the Virginia Marine Science Museum and Young Audiences of Virginia. Funding was provided by the Cornelia C. Gooch Charitable Trust to develop the original show and curriculum.

A score of 10 songs and the story line were created by David Messick of Rainbow Productions, a Young Audiences ensemble. An accompanying curriculum has also been developed to bring Bay related activities into the classroom.

During the holiday weekend, the museum will also offer additional programs and entertainment to celebrate the Chesapeake Bay's diversity and value as a natural resource.

The Amazing Adventures of Chessie the Manatee is a traveling puppet show and will coordinate shows throughout the state. For more information about bringing the show to a school, event or facility, contact Young Audiences of Virginia, 466-7555 or 1-800-314-ARTS (2787).

## Up close and personal

### Dwight Sinclair: Jazzed on Jaycees

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Although Dwight Sinclair isn't waxing his board or smoothing on the sunscreen for the 35th Annual East Coast Surfing Championships, he'll play an integral part in the premier oceanfront event.

So, too, will many other dedicated members of the Virginia Beach Jaycees.

ECSC is the longest-running surf contest in the United States thanks to the Jaycees.

Committed to community service and providing leadership training to members, the annual surfing extravaganza is the local organization's largest fund-raiser. It helps such causes as Camp Virginia Jaycee for mentally-challenged children, the Flame of Hope Memorial and the Chesapeake Bay Chapter for the Blind and Visually-Impaired.

Sinclair, a Lynchburg transplant who now calls the resort city home, is president of the Virginia Beach Jaycees.

"I'd never heard much about the organization until a few weeks before I joined. A friend of mine thought it would be a good way for me to get out and meet more people. I really didn't know who the Jaycees were or what they did. I just thought it was another civic organization like the Lions or the Kiwanis. I didn't know it was an organization specifically for young people," he said.

Sinclair attended a meeting and liked what he saw.

"At first I was looking for something constructive to do in my spare time, maybe some community service-type work. I never expected to get as involved as I am now," he reflected. "I never expected to take charge. If you had told me I'd be president four years later, I would have laughed at you."

Sinclair saw himself changing, becoming more gregarious and developing a "take charge" attitude. Today he runs the meetings, works closely with the vice president on programming, helps to better the image of the organization, acts as a liaison between the chapter, city and other Jaycee chapters, and generally oversees the club.

"You really get to meet people from all walks of life whom I wouldn't have met otherwise," he noted. "People are working more hours and have busy schedules, which is all the more reason to join. It's a great way to network and meet other people, also to unwind and relax."

There won't be any relaxing this weekend, though, as ECSC shifts into high gear. The Salem Woods resident will most likely be at the oceanfront attending to many details.

"We start planning the event right after it's over the previous year. It's a continuous process and the largest event run by any Jaycee chapter in the state. We advertise for other volunteers to come out and help, getting the whole community involved. It brings the city of Virginia Beach a lot of publicity and is rated one of the top 20 events (on the East Coast) by the Southeastern Tourism Society," he said.

Once the surfing weekend is over Sinclair will again turn his attention to two goals—getting more members involved in the event organization and planning, and boosting membership.

Sinclair's state accolades from the organization include Outstanding Local Officer of the Year and Outstanding State Director of the Year. He attends First Baptist Church and is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The Virginia Beach Jaycees meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For membership information, call 499-8822 or e-mail, vbjaycees@aol.com.

Name: Dwight Sinclair.

What brought you to this area: I was hired by Norfolk Naval Shipyard in 1986 after graduating from North Carolina State University.

Hometown: I was born in Dover, N.H. But we moved away when I was less than 2. We moved to Lynchburg, where I grew up.

Age: 35.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: An electrical engineer for Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Marital Status: Single.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: James Bond movies. Besides having a good soundtrack I like the high-tech gadgets, locations and action they have.

Magazines I read regularly: I subscribe to Consumer Reports, which I keep for a reference. And I receive Entrepreneur Magazine compliments of the Jaycees. Other than that, I don't read any others on a regular basis, but I'll review a few from time to time.

Favorite night on the town: I like going out to a nice restaurant and then to a play or some other type of live



performance like a concert or sporting event.

Favorite restaurants: I used to travel quite a bit working for the shipyard and had to eat out a lot. I usually tried to stay away from the chain restaurants, unless it's a regional chain, and go someplace unique for the area I was visiting. One place that sticks out is Ivar's Salmon House in Seattle. It was located along the river and was decorated with Northwestern decor. They served the best smoked salmon I ever had.

Favorite meal and beverage: Steamed clams for an appetizer, followed by lobster with iced tea to drink.

What most people don't know about me: Most of my co-workers don't know that a lot of my family used to work for a shipyard. My grandfather, dad and two of my uncles worked for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine. One of my uncles still works there. He has been down to Norfolk several times to work on submarines.

**"At first I was looking for something constructive to do in my spare time, maybe some community service-type work."**

Dwight Sinclair, president, Virginia Beach Jaycees

Best thing about myself: Whenever I start something, regardless of how difficult it is or how much time it takes, I usually finish it.

Worst habit: I'm disorganized. You should see my desk at work and at home.

Pets: Are you kidding? I can barely keep my plants alive. I wouldn't trust myself with an animal.

Ideal vacation: I love to snow ski. I'd like to go skiing at Whistler's Mountain in Canada for a couple of weeks. I've never been there before and have heard it's the best skiing in North America. I'd like to ski all day and come back to a hot tub in the evening.

Hobbies: I bought a computer a few months ago and am just starting to learn about surfing the Net and how to get around on the Internet. Also, I like doing civic activities with the Jaycees.

Pet peeves: I hate it when people make me wait. If someone is going to be late and they don't call to let me know, that really makes me mad. Also, if someone says it will only "take a few minutes" or "it will only be a few minutes" but they really mean longer, like 30 minutes to an hour, I can't begin to tell you how much that annoys me.

First job: When I was 10 I helped my brother deliver newspapers.

Worst job: Working in the dining hall at college. I worked there to get some extra spending money for the weekends. I felt guilty calling home every month asking for money if it weren't for books or something school-related. So to have some extra money for road trips, football games, partying and all that fun college stuff I went to work in the dining hall.

Favorite sports team: N.C. State football and basketball. I'm a diehard Wolfpack fan. I also like the Hampton Roads Admirals. I had lived here for about three years before I finally went to my first hockey game. When I finally did go I had a blast. I'd buy season tickets if I had the time to go more often.

Most embarrassing moment: When I was at N.C. State I went out drinking with some of my fraternity brothers. When we came back to the fraternity house later that evening the Little Sisters were having a meeting for some of the newer coeds who were interested in joining our Little Sister organization. Needless to say, we were all drunk and made fools of ourselves. But we were young and foolish and, what the heck, you only get to be young and foolish once! I went around introducing myself and kissing their hands, talking to them, flirting and acting silly.

A few days later when I was sober I was coming back from studying at the library and a few of them were at the chapter house when I walked in. I tried to turn and leave before they saw me, because now that I was sober again I was embarrassed to face them after behaving the way I did. They laughed and told me how funny I was and of all the cute things I had done. Of course, I denied remembering any of it. Even though it's been almost 14 years, I still keep in touch with one of them. And I do remember more about that night than I'm willing to admit.

I would like my epitaph to read: "He made a difference. We will miss you."

If I received \$1 million: I would redecorate my house, invest some and save some of it. I would also donate some to Camp Virginia Jaycee.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would tell people about the Jaycees and about all the wonderful projects that we do for the community, how it's a great way to meet people for business networking and socializing, and how it helps people in individual and professional development. It is a great way to spend your spare time in a constructive manner. There are many people who haven't heard of the Jaycees. I learned about them only a few years ago, but I wish I had known about them when I first moved to the area. I didn't know anybody. The Jaycees would have been the best way to get to know more people and learn about the area while helping the community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Clubs

Great Neck-Virginia Beach AARP Chapter 4643 will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2541 Shorehaven Dr.

### Education

Windsor Oaks Elementary School will hold Meet the Teacher Day on Thursday, Aug. 28 from noon-12:30 p.m., 12:35-1:05 p.m., 6-6:30 p.m. and 6:35-7:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their children for a sneak preview of their classrooms and an informal meeting with their child's teacher.

Visitation for sixth graders at Independence Middle School will be held Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7

p.m. New seventh- and eighth-grader students may also attend at that time. The meeting will begin in the cafeteria. Parents are requested to attend with their student. Students and parents will be given a brief overview of the school. Parents will be able to join the PTA (\$4) during that time. Call 460-7501 for more information.

### Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's emergency center. This free service for breast cancer patients offers both educational and emotional support. For more information, call 481-8393.

# Joint TCC-school project proposed

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

City Council has heard preliminary cost figures on a proposed concept that would bring another player into the development Tidewater Community College's (TCC) Virginia Beach campus.

Provost E. T. Buchanan presented to city council last week a concept that would involve a joint enterprise between TCC and the public schools' vote center.

The plan, still in the preliminary stages, would entail the expenditure of \$16.6 million in state and local funds—none have been requested or appropriated so far—to build a new Tech Center on a seven-acre site at the TCC Virginia Beach campus and for modifications to present buildings.

The new \$14.5 million, 130,000-square-foot building

would be located on the site that abuts Rosemont Road. TCC still needs to acquire three acres or more at the corner of Rosemont and Faculty Drive. TCC already has title to more than seven acres.

The site is located next door to the site of the Graduate Center, a joint venture of Old Dominion and Norfolk State Universities, which is under construction. College officials expect the building to open in a year.

Under the plan, the state would pay approximately 84 percent of the cost (\$14.010 million and the city \$2.8 million or 16 percent. Eleventh and 12th grade v-tech students would have the opportunity to take their courses at the new Technical Center with the option of receiving college as well as high school credit.

Buchanan said that high school students are seeking the same certification as TCC students

which makes the joint activity practical.

Buchanan remarked that the University of Virginia Beach is being created, to which Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. remarked, "UVA and UVB."

The council is represented on the committee considering the concept by councilwoman Nancy Parker.

School Board member Dan Harris is chairman of the committee and board members Tim Jackson and Ropemay Wilson also are serving on the committee.

Buchanan said that part of the space at the proposed building will be reserved for the city's Department of Economic Development.

Buchanan told council that the TCC board on Aug. 25 will consider amend its budget to include \$14 million for the project.

City Manager James K. Spore said that it would be "hard to identify anything that would be more in line with what we're trying to do in economics in the city."

## Council defers hotel application

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

City Council has deferred for two weeks a change of zoning application that would allow the development of a "suites" hotel. It would consist of two three-story townhouse-style buildings on the south side of Cleveland Street east of Newtown Road.

The change, from O-2 office district to conditional H-1 hotel district on a 2.14 acre parcel, said R.J. Nutter, attorney representing the applicant, would eliminate the pressure for commercial development on Newtown Road.

Council was supportive of the application but preferred a more colonial style structure, shown in an earlier rendering, to a contemporary design which was presented in the applicant's proffer.

Because of city requirements that the proffers have to be in the application 10 days before the council meeting where the application is considered, the application was deferred to provide time for a proffer change.

The applicants, Gray Lumber

Co., Grayland Company, Nations-Bank, and Elmon T. Gray, plan to construct 95 units and a 15 by 30 foot indoor swimming pool. An "extended stay hotel," it will be oriented toward business people needing accommodations for an average stay of one to three weeks.

The complex will be known as Towne Place Suites by Marriott.

In another planning action last week, council granted Jerry Spiker a variance to the subdivision ordinance which requires lots created by subdivision to meet all requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Spiker plans to subdivide an existing 5.3-acre lot at 928 Ballylin Road in the Kempville Borough into two lots—the zoning is R-29 residential district—neither of which meets the lot width requirement or street frontage requirement.

Council did not require that the applicant build a cul-de-sac that was requested by Carrie Huey, a resident, who said it would improve safety.

## Beach Trolley Token program proves popular

TRT Beach Trolley Service is proving popular. The Beach Trolley Token Program and dedicated trolley lanes have made trolleys the quick, convenient way to move ahead of the summer traffic at the oceanfront.

The Beach Trolleys carried 40 percent more rides through June of this year than through June 1996.

As of July 29, 116,511 passengers had boarded a beach trolley on the Atlantic Avenue route, an increase of 77 percent over last year's ridership figures. Ridership on the Virginia Marine Science Museum route is up 43 percent, and the Lynnhaven Mall route is up 36 percent from last year.

Improvements to TRT's trolley service have helped increase ridership. Trolleys arrive at designated trolley stops at five- to ten-minute intervals on Atlantic Avenue.

On-street supervisors from TRT monitor the time intervals and maintain separation between the trolleys. In the evening hours, a dedicated trolley lane on Atlantic Avenue between 14th and 25th streets helps keep TRT Trolleys on schedule.

The trolley lane, which operates from 7 p.m. until midnight, has been running smoothly. It gives residents and visitors an alternative means of travel along the oceanfront in the evening when traffic is the most congested.

TRT Beach Trolleys operate from noon to midnight along Atlantic Avenue. TRT also has Beach Trolley Service to North Seashore, Virginia Marine Science Museum and Lynnhaven Mall. Regular trolley token fare is 50 cents. TRT Tour and Trolley Brochures are available at most oceanfront hotels and businesses. Call 640-6300 for more information.

## Library services books 'em

If you don't have a borrower's card or can't remember if you do, this is a good time to make sure that you are a registered borrower.

Any Virginia resident can get a free Virginia Beach Library Card by using any Virginia Beach Public Library and by bringing official identification with current address and photo.

Virginia Beach Central and Area library hours in September are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pungo/Blackwater Library hours in September are Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

# HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

## Circumcision is a sensitive issue

By Dr. Steven Powers  
Special Report

Circumcision, as practiced in this country, is performed mainly in the newborn period within two to three days of birth.

This is an elective, however major surgery, which removes the prepuce or foreskin of the male genitals. This is a practice by approximately 85 percent of American parents on their newborns.

Medically speaking, there is no solid evidence to indicate that there is any medical necessity for removing the penis foreskin. It should be considered either a religious practice or cultural in nature but not medical.

There were some studies that did reveal that there are fewer bladder infections in young males after circumcision than those who had not had the

procedure performed. But the benefit of preventing a few bladder infections that were relatively benign is in question when compared to the cost of the routine circumcision.

Like any surgical procedure, there are potential problems and complications. Some of the more frequent ones are bleeding or hemorrhage, infection, septicemia and even possible necrosis of the distal penis.

Also, ulcers at the head of the penis can complicate the circumcision. The procedure is painful and stressful for the infant, but virtually all healthy infants tolerate the pain and stress very well.

There is increased movement and approval for local anesthetics to be administered to infants during circumcision, but that is not a widespread common practice due to the potential complications of the anesthetic.

In today's cost-conscious practice of medicine, circumcision is becoming more and more scrutinized. Some insurance

plans are even denying routine coverage for this procedure.

They are citing the evidence that the foreskin serves as a cap that protects the urinary opening of the penis and prevents dermatitis and possibly even ulcers of the tip of the penis.

Some authorities have even indicated that the foreskin

In today's cost-conscious practice of medicine, circumcision as an elective procedure is becoming more and more scrutinized.

protects the delicate skin of the head of the penis and irritation of diapers and that sebaceous glands secrete material that keep the urinary opening moist and lubricated, thus preventing ulcers and/or strictures of the urethral opening.

In recent New Age thinking, some have come to view the foreskin as an organ which increases sexual sensation and gratification, therefore bringing question to the routine practice of

circumcision.

If a child is not circumcised, the foreskin becomes retractable between 9 months of age and 3 years. You can train boys to retract the foreskin by applying soap and water just as you would any other part of the body with adequate hygiene, and the foreskin has very few incidents of infections or complications if left along.

There were some thoughts in the past that circumcised males have lower incidents of penile cancer, but the incidents or the number of cases of penile cancer are in the low single digits yearly in this country which rapidly lead to the elimination of that potential indication for the procedure.

While early circumcision is indicated to relieve urinary obstruction and is also contraindicated in hemophilias and in a congenital anomaly called hypospadias exists.

Medical opinion of this procedure is difficult since some psychology experts recommend that young men should look like their fathers in penile appearance. There are also issues of minor and medical consent which are constantly evolving and is thought that children should be given more voice involving procedures concerning their own bodies.

Circumcision is an ancient procedure that has been described from ancient Egyptian times to the Old Testament and is frequently performed on religious grounds and for hygienic purposes or cultural trends and aesthetics.

This procedure will get more and more scrutiny as the medical profession is squeezed for increasing cost savings and as the procedure of female genital mutilation, also known as female circumcision, comes more and more into the world's conscious.

Perhaps reconsideration of a male circumcision would dramatically reduce the incidents of this procedure being performed to the low levels that is seen in European countries today.

Discuss this with your obstetrician and pediatrician prior to delivery of your son, or contact Dr. Powers at either his Great Bridge or Kempville office, 495-9400 or 436-0167.

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## Suppers serve up 'A Taste For Art'

"A Taste For Art," a series of festive, themed dinner parties, continues through October at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Each party is held in an exclusive location, hosted by a group of 40 volunteers and catered by a top local chef. Cocktails, dinner, wine and entertainment are all included for \$60 per person.

All proceeds benefit exhibition programming at the center. Parties remaining in the 1997 schedule are:

■ **Barfoot on the Bay**, Aug. 24 - Featuring a menu of fresh seafood: steamed shrimp, poached salmon, crab cakes, crab legs and grilled tuna steak in the beautiful bayfront setting of the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club. Casual and fun, with island music and drink.

■ **Howlin'** at the Southwest Moon, Sept. 7 - A tribute to the creative cuisine of the American Southwest, at the home of Diane and Tom Frantz. Mike Stroud and Jose Rodriguez of Coyote Cafe will prepare a menu of a duck quesadillas, barbecued rockfish with Jack Daniels sauce and grilled pork loin. Live music by Bruce Todd.

■ **Surfin' Safari**, Sept. 21 - Let Chef Willie Moats throw shrimp, chicken and baby back ribs on the barbie, while you enjoy classic beach tunes and sip a delicious Pickle's Papaya Rum Punch. This party will take place at the home of Anne Robin and Steve Pearce in the Birdneck section of Virginia Beach.

■ **Wild, Wild West**, Oct. 12 - Get down on Pungo farm of Lucy and Gene Hanson with a western-themed menu from Chuck Saxe as Mahi Mahi's pit-smoked rib eye steaks, buffalo chili, cowboy paella and all the fixin's you could ask for — including Mahi Mahi's moonshine and sarsaparilla for you teetotalers.

Call the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, 425-0000, for more information.

### Sharp shooter

Edward Viola, an Air Force veteran from Virginia Beach, won a gold medal in the pentathlon (ambulatory) during the National Veterans Golden Age Games held in Kansas. Viola, 58, is a combat veteran of the Korean War.



Courtesy Photo

## Navy fliers strut their stuff

One of the largest air shows on the East Coast is set for Sept. 19-21 at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach. Held as part of the Neptune Festival, it's when the Navy struts its finest for an estimated 350,000 visitors.

This year the Navy's flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, will be a featured attraction. Their show includes fast-paced maneuvers by the solo jets and stunning precision flying by the rest of the team in the famous delta formation.

In addition to the Blues, Tora, Tora, Tora will make its first appearance at Oceana. This explosive display of warbirds recreates the raid on Pearl Harbor. Tora is sponsored by Exxon.

Gates to this master jet base,

home to the Navy's F-14 Tomcat, will open to the public at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

On Friday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. for the first time, Oceana will open its gates to the public for a twilight air show with a dazzling display of pyrotechnics and aerobatics. Performers include the Red Baron Stearman Squadron, Super Shock Wave Jet Truck, Cool Cut Show Copters, Mig Magic (MiG-17), Sean Tucker's Night Dance and F-14 Tomcats. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday's show will also showcase performances by today's most powerful military aircraft, including the B-2 Bomber (Sunday only). Other high performance demonstrations include the Navy F-14 Tomcat,

Air Force F-117 Stealth fighter, Canadian Forces F/A-18 Hornet, Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt and F-15 Eagle.

In addition, two F-14 Tomcats will provide an air to ground pyrotechnic demonstration of the Tomcat's tactical prowess. There will also be more than 14 aircraft from the Oceana fleet providing a thundering flyby as the show opens both days.

Other featured performers at the air show include a Tigercat/Hellcat Duo; The French Connection, a husband and wife, two-plane, precision aerobatics team; Canadian parachute team, the "Sky Hawks"; Bill Reesman flying his MiG-17 "MIG Magic" sponsored by STIHL; Frank Ryder with his new Oreck XL, Super Shock

Wave Jet Truck sponsored by USPA/IRA; Red Baron Stearman Squadron; Sean Tucker's 1-800-Collect Pitts Special, Cool Cut Show Copters and Fuji Film's Ian Groom.

Kids will find "Tomcat Town" full of interactive programs including exhibits from the Virginia Marine Science Museum and the Virginia Air and

Space Museum to "flying" miniature airplanes or racing tiny trucks.

A free concert will also take place immediately following the Blue Angels performance on Saturday. The air show is held each year as part of the Virginia Beach, Neptune Festival which runs Sept. 13-28.

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## Music fest tickets going fast

General public tickets for headline concerts on the 5th Street Stage at the 4th Annual American Music Festival are being distributed at a fast pace through area Ticketmaster locations.

All shows from Aug. 28-Sept. 1 are free, but the 5th Street main stage concerts require advance tickets for entrance. No tickets are available at the gate. A \$1 Ticketmaster service charge is applied for each 5th Street performance, while limited quantities last.

All Tanya Tucker general public tickets for the Sunday, Aug. 31 show on the 5th Street have been distributed.

Tickets for the Tucker performance now are available only through Virginia Beach hotel-packages, contest giveaways on local radio stations and AMF sponsor promotions.

Other 5th Street stage headline shows are:

■ The Village People, KC and The Sunshine Band, Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.

■ Hall and Oates, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2 p.m.

■ Kool and The Gang and Wilson Pickett with The Commitments, Monday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m.

Each headline show will have 30,000 tickets distributed.

"This is the largest free music event in the United States," said Bill Reid, president of Cellar Door, "featuring 47 national and regional recording acts on 10 stages through five days. Festival hours are:

■ Thursday, Aug. 28, 6-10 p.m.;  
■ Friday, Aug. 29, 4-11 p.m.;  
■ Saturday, Aug. 30, noon-11 p.m.;  
■ Sunday, Aug. 31, noon-11 p.m.; and,  
■ Monday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Performances will take place

at various locations including the 24th Street Stage and 17th Street Stage located along the Boardwalk and Atlantic Avenue, as well as the headliners at the 5th Street Stage on the beach.

There are also seven additional stages located at various locations within the festival site along the Boardwalk and Atlantic Avenue side streets.

At the 5th Street Stage tickets are required for admission. Chairs are permitted at the 5th Street Stage located in the sand, but no beach umbrellas or bikes are permitted.

At the 24th and 17th Street stage no bikes or chairs are allowed in the park area due to limited space.

For information on special hotel packages that include tickets to the headlining shows, call hotels directly or call 1-800-BEACH.

For other event information such as parking availability, traffic, show times and stages, call 491-SUNN.



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# Volunteers are voice of abused children

## Special advocates honored in August library exhibition

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

One Virginia Beach volunteer organization is speaking out for the smallest victims of abuse and neglect.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides volunteers to work with social workers and lawyers in helping children who have been abused or neglected and whose cases have been brought before the court.

These special volunteers, being honored in an exhibit this month at Virginia Beach Central

Edith Dugan, head of the Virginia Beach chapter, explained that the goal of CASA is "to advocate for safe permanent homes for each child." Not just anyone can become a CASA volunteer.

Individuals for this mission must submit an application, go through a series of interviews, and undergo police screening and central registry check prior to being accepted for training. Once they complete training, they must then submit to a criminal history check, finger printing and an FBI check.

When all this is done the successful applicants are sworn in for a one-year commitment.

Barbara McCrudden, a coordinator with the program, began as a volunteer when she saw newspaper articles about child abuse which said, "If you are tired of reading about incidents of abuse in your community, you can call CASA and become a member."

"So I did," she said.

McCrudden began as an advocate. Now, even as coordinator, she continues advocating for individual children.

She said many volunteers continue long term because "primarily most people are very horrified by the escalation of abuse and neglect in their community and they want to do something about it."

"Advocates really care about the welfare of children. Many are people considering careers working with children, lawyers and social workers," McCrudden said.

Dennie Kellie has been a



Photo by Keith Sudduth

**HELPING HAND.** Barbara McCrudden, one of the volunteers who makes Virginia Beach CASA a friend to abused, battered and neglected children, is highlighted in the exhibit on display at Virginia Beach Central Library.

CASA volunteer for about 18 months. She has a background in psychology and feels her volunteer work ties in with it.

She has been an advocate for neglected children. She said the parents were not "horrible

abusers," just overwhelmed by their circumstances and needing someone to talk to.

Sometimes advocates can help parents find community resources to assist them in getting "straightened out" so they can

care for their children.

"The kids," Kellie said, "are delighted with you." They benefit from the individualized attention. "I think we do some good."

Such volunteers are being spotlighted in a photography exhibit by Keith Sudduth at the library.

An amateur photographer, Sudduth did this project in conjunction with a course at Tidewater Community College called Sociology Through Photography. He interviewed a number of volunteers and then photographed them in home settings, which told a little more about them.

These photographs, along with

quotes from the interviews, hang in a hall gallery.

"The intent is to acknowledge these people and the work they do," said Sudduth. He hopes for the project "to promote the people and CASA."

There is a need to promote CASA in the Hampton Roads area, which per capita has the highest rate of abuse in the state.

"Our reporting system is very good," Dugan said, but she agrees with Kellie who feels there are "not enough volunteers to go around."

Anyone interested in volunteering or providing financial support for the non-profit organization can call 426-5616.

**"Advocates really care about the welfare of children. Many are people considering careers working with children."**

Barbara McCrudden,  
CASA coordinator

Library, spend time regularly the children, getting to know them and their situation. They listen to what is on the youths' minds about their situation and future.

They also speak to the people in the children's lives. They review case records and, when the cases come before the court, CASA volunteers speak for the children.

Once the court makes a decision, volunteers monitor compliance with the judge's orders and can be called on to make further recommendations for the children.

## — Home Improvement —

# Change of doors adds new decor

Before you paint, hang new wallpaper or install new carpeting, consider this simple, relatively low-cost home improvement — doors.

Adding or changing interior doors can add light, drama and new elegance to most living spaces, says interior designer Diane Hill. Updating doors is an essential step in achieving a new look, she adds. Frequently, the effect is just short of miraculous.

"A change of interior doors can have as much impact, or

more, as paint or wallpaper," says Hill. "One of the most fantastic differences I can recall was accomplished with new doors. As you entered the entranceway of this home, it was one great, big, dark hall of doors."

"We installed double French doors to admit light from the dining room and living room, with a single French door to the kitchen. Afterward, it was light, bright, airy and spacious."

Homeowners are catching on to the decorating possibilities of doors. "It's a low-cost way to add value to the home," says Dave Murray, marketing manager of North American door manufacturer Premdor Inc.

The experts at Premdor offer these tips for you to consider when choosing a door:

- Don't just look for a low price or a pretty face. Performance counts too.
- Consider the environment of your home and the air your family breathes. Only water-based, nontoxic glues should be used in the manufacturing process, and water-based paints and stains that don't give off gas or produce harmful vapors.
- Sound-deadening qualities of doors vary widely, but are key for rooms where privacy is important.
- Bedroom and kitchen doors should be fire-resistant.
- High-use doors should be extra durable and scratch-resistant.
- "If it's possible, slam the door to see how it sounds, because it's a sound you'll have to live with," Murray advises, "especially with kids."



**KNOCK, KNOCK.** A change of interior doors can have as much impact or more, as paint or wallpaper, says interior designer.



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## Neptune Fishing tourney casts off Sept. 25

The Surf Casting Fishing Tournament, a new Neptune Festival XXIV event, will start with a team social at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Ramada Plaza Oceanfront Resort.

Sponsored by Wachovia Bank, the release tournament is set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27 at four different stations along the oceanfront.

"This event has one of the largest purses of all the surfcasting fishing tournaments on the east coast," said Richard Welton, the tournament's coordinator. "More than \$7,000 in prizes will be awarded and the team winning first place will take home \$4,000."

Registration fees for teams of four are \$200. Applications may be picked up at the Neptune Festival Office, 265 Kings Grant Rd., Suite 102, Virginia Beach, Va. 23455.

Final registrations, the team social and drawing for beach assignments will take place at The Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront at 57th Street 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Neptune Festival XXIV's theme, "Neptune's Galaxy of Games," celebrates the many sporting events and activities related to the annual festival. Virginia Beach's food farewell to summer begins Sept. 6 with the Grand Ball and Presentation and ends with the Boardwalk Weekend Celebration, Sept. 26-28.

For more information, call Ann Burnett, 491-5160 or the Neptune Festival Office, 498-0214.

# Heart walkers signing up to find a cure against disease

"To reduce disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke" is the mission of the American Heart Association.

Nowhere will the successes of that mission be more evident than at the 1997 American Heart Walk on Sunday, Oct. 26 in Virginia Beach.

Honored at this year's walks will be the heart attack and stroke survivors. Walkers who are survivors will be recognized with a red ball cap, emblazoned with the words "Fighting Back."

Marking the walk route will be the faces and stories of 12 Virginians who have survived heart disease and/or stroke — diseased that kill more Americans annually than cancer, AIDS and accidents combined.

Charles Rigney Jr. of Norfolk is one of those faces. He was born in December 1987 with Transposition of the Great Vessels, with a Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD), a potentially fatal congenital heart defect, in which the positions of the blood vessels are reversed, allowing no way for blood to complete its normal cycle from the heart, to the lungs and back to the heart.

Within hours of birth, Charles had a balloon septostomy, a procedure which tears a hole in the heart allowing for enough oxygen to mix to sustain life until open heart surgery can be performed. Rigney, 5 months of age, underwent open heart surgery to repair the transposition and VSD.

Due to some scarring at the site of the VSD Rigney had two angioplasties (Nov. 1989 and Sept. 1996). He takes medication daily and must see his doctor twice a year.

However, his medical prognosis is excellent and he leads the life of a typical 9-year-old, playing with friends and tormenting his older sister. He must take care not to overexert himself and is not permitted to participate in organized team sports, though he is an excellent shooter on the driveway basketball court.

Heart attack and stroke survivors who are interested in participating in the Red Cap program should contact the American Heart Association, 671-8636.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF UNION  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jane and John Doe, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Barbara Jennings, Thomas Jennings and Guinevere J., a female caucasian born on November 23, 1987 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Alexandria J., a female caucasian born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia, and Alisha J., a female caucasian born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Defendants

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS  
97-DR-44-177

TO: DEFENDANTS BARBARA JENNINGS AND THOMAS JENNINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Union County on April 22, 1997 and in this Complaint you are alleged to be the mother and father of a caucasian female child born on November 23, 1987 Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a caucasian female child born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia and a female child born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notices are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 97-DR-44-177.

3. That if Notice of Contest, Intervene or to otherwise Respond is filed by you with the

Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond in this action, you must notify the above named Court at the Union County Courthouse, Union South Carolina and James Fletcher Thompson, Attorney for the Plaintiffs, whose address is 302 East St. John Street, Post Office Box 1853, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any changes of your address during the adoption proceedings.

4. That your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your Consent to the adoption and forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above named children. Further, the Plaintiff request the termination of your parental rights pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 20-7-1572 (1) (2) (3) (4) and (6).

The notice is given pursuant to Section 20-7-1734, (c) of the Law, Co-Op. Supp. 1994, JAMES FLETCHER THOMPSON Attorney for the Plaintiffs THOMPSON, SINCLAIR & ANDERSON 302 East St. John Street Post Office Box 1853 Spartanburg, S.C. 29304 (864) 573-7575 July 17, 1997

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### Public Notice

Virginia:  
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, on Tuesday, September 9, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the boundaries of the Princess Anne County Courthouse Historic and Cultural Overlay District, as follows:

Delete the Historic and Cultural Overlay District from the following parcels:

GPIN 1494 64 2494 0000, 1 acre more or less located at 2641 Princess Anne Road;  
GPIN 1494 64 1457 0000, 9.867 acres located at 2641 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 54 9202 0000, 1.320 acres located 620 feet more or less west of Princess Anne Road and 650 feet more or less north of Judicial Blvd.,

GPIN 1494 54 4151 0000, 3 acres located at 2673 Princess Anne Road;

GPIN 1494 53 5782 0000, 16.682 acres located at 2673 Princess Anne Road;

Delete the Historic and Cultural Overlay District from a portion of the following parcels:

GPIN 1494 34 1160 0000, 414.305 acres located north of North Landing Road and west of Princess Anne Road.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Shear Designs, Patricia J. Cannon for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, south of Les Cruces Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to conditional B-1 is for neighborhood business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1990 General Booth Boulevard and contains 16,552.8 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater United Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church and a day care center on the south side of North Landing Road, 800 feet more or less east of West Neck Road, and the east side of West Neck Road, approximately 930 feet south of North Landing Road. Said parcel contains 10.66 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of The Beach Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a parking lot addition for an existing church on the west side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Gunn Hall Road. Said parcel is located at 1817 General

Booth Boulevard and contains 3.92 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of PrimeCo Personal Communications, L.P. for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole communication tower on the west side of Sandridge Road, northeast of Colechester Road. Property is bounded on the east of Sandridge Road and on the west by Hells Point Creek. Said parcel contains 73.8 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION TO LAND USE PLAN:

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Baits Development Company, LLC, for a Modification to the Green Run Land Use Plan on the south side of Buckner Boulevard, 400 feet more or less east of Independence Boulevard for the purpose of modifying the submitted site plan dated June 27, 1996 and developing the outparcel designated "future development area" which is a portion of Parcel "H" Green Run PUD. Said parcel contains 7.75 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEC City Clerk  
If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only at 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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### Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of The Dragas

Companies, a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 12.278 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Albert N. & Diana H. Jensen for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 640.3 feet south of Jackson Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1 acre. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Windsor Oaks West, Parcel 2 L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shoreline Court. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail/service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.579 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agriculture use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Conditional Use Permit for a boat storage facility and commercial marina on certain property located on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Craig A. Rosenberg for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile repair and sales on the west side of S. Lynnhaven Road north of Ole Towne Lane. Said parcel is located at 851 S. Lynnhaven Road and contains 14,984.64 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Linda T. Chappell for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational and amusement facility of an outdoor nature on the south side of Dam Neck Road, west of London Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at

2599 Dam Neck Road and contains 20 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Christ Episcopal Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Holland Road, 280 feet more or less east of Buym Farm Road. Said parcel contains 4.707 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Iboya Schwab for a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation (family day care) on Lot 44, Block B, Windsor Oaks West, Section 1, Part 2. Said parcel is located at 617 N. Piping Rock Road and contains 9807 square feet more or less. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Woodstock Point Assoc., LLC, for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock on certain property located at the northern extremity of Woodstock Road. Said parcel contains 2.7 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Baptist Extension Board, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and Round Hill Drive. Said parcel contains 6.239 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of East Coast Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the west side of Indian River Road, north of the intersection with Indian Lakes Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 5149 Indian River Road and contains 3.4 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Hail Tidewater Ltd. Partnership for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 160 feet west of Cranston Lane. Said parcel is located at 3216 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 32,400 square feet.

LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Ralph Knapp for a contractor's storage yard on the east side of Central Drive on Lot 27C, London Bridge Industrial Park II, Phase One. Said parcel contains 1.7 acres. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

15. Application of Asher Properties, a Virginia General Partnership, for a modification to a conditional use permit for an automobile repair establishment of grease monkey quick lube, granted December 12, 1988. Property is located at 2841 Virginia Beach Boulevard. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

16. Ordinance to amend Sections 111, 401 and 501 of the City Zoning Ordinance and to add Section 507 by allowing flex suites in all single-family residential zoning districts and providing safeguards for their use.

STREET CLOSURE:

17. Application of LADM Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company, Lena Sancilio and Contractor's Paving Company, Inc., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Avenue E beginning at a point 337.93 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 899.85 feet to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. Said parcel contains 30,094 square feet. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

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18. An Ordinance upon Application of Boss Daniel Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to A-36 Apartment District on

certain property located on the west side of Village Drive beginning at a point 430.25 feet south of Laskin Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-36 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Boss Daniel Corp., for a Conditional Use Permit for apartments for the elderly on certain property located on the west side of Village Drive, 430.25 feet south of Laskin Road. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

20. Motion of the Planning Commission of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and reordain Section 2.2 (A) of the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to site plan review for fill operations.

21. Application of Charley Bradley for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Broad Bay Drive beginning at the northern boundary of Long Creek Drive and running in a northerly direction to the southern boundary of Long Creek. Said parcel contains 4,938 square feet. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of C & C Development, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Newtown Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business/research center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.04 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Kempville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4,914.7 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single Family District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Witcluck Ct., beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Witcluck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this property for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 527 N. Witcluck Road and contains 1 acre. BAYSIDE BOROUGH

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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# Great soccer day

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that we were able to put in the road. I'm looking forward to the big Columbus Day competition," said Mayor Meyera Oberdorf.

"Seeing all the parents and children on the streets of Virginia Beach is what our city is all about."

Enthusiasts of the sport called it a "great soccer day."

"This is the best day in Virginia Beach in a long time," beamed C. Grigsby Sciphes, president of the Hampton Roads Soccer Council.

"This project has been in the making since 1991 and has been a lot of hard work with many people and constituencies — parents, families, kids, businesses, U.S. Soccer, the city. You don't see cooperation like this too often in any kind of civic endeavor."

The complex was developed due to the phenomenal growth of soccer in the Hampton Roads area, as well as across the United States. American players number almost 16 million and ranks as one of the top three youth sports in the country with more than 12 million players under the age of 18.

An estimated 350,000 people per year will visit the new complex, which houses three junior fields, six intermediate fields and 10 senior fields. The

site will host 7,600 soccer matches each year, including six to eight tournaments, home games for Atlantic and Beach FC travel clubs, Advanced League matches, and adult play.

Other uses for the fields will be the high school pre-season tournament, Special Olympics and Soccer Start programs.

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Hampton Roads Soccer Council

The complex will include a 3,900-square-foot building for restrooms and concessions, a first aid clinic, meeting room, offices and maintenance equipment storage. Construction will begin next year.

The Hampton Roads Soccer Council estimates that the

complex will have an annual recurring impact of \$6 million from 50,000 out-of-town visitors and their related spending within the community and through concession sales and facility expenses.

Turnout was high at last week's ceremonies.

Among them was Bruce Arena, the most winning coach in men's college soccer with a record of 295-59-31 record at the University of Virginia. He led the Cavaliers to 15 straight NCAA tournaments. Today he's coach and general manager of the professional DC United team and was 1996 Olympic team coach.

Also attending were James Hamilton and Robert Beck, president and executive director respectively of the U.S. Soccer Federation Foundation, who presented a \$60,000 grant check to the Hampton Roads Soccer Council.

Returning from Florida for the festivities were Ron and Gail Smith, previously of Virginia Beach, who joined Charlie and Patti Fidler in the dedication of the Fidler/Smith Memorial Soccer Field. The field is named after their sons, Ryan Smith and Matthew Fidler, two 16-year-old soccer players killed in a diving accident in 1994. Their families spearheaded a campaign to raise more than \$300,000 for the development in a field in their son's name.

Perhaps the most important people in attendance, though, were the children and young men and women who have waited long for such a complex.

An inaugural coed soccer match featuring players who have graduated from local programs, but were associated with the initial years of the planning, was held. The youngest players of the Virginia Beach Soccer Complex advanced program also held scrimmages.

Soccer mom Leslie Old couldn't take her eyes off her 23-year-old son Martin, a goalie, during the complex's initial match.

"We've been waiting years for this to happen," she said. "I've traveled with my son a lot for soccer. It's just nice because they won't be spread all around the whole city anymore. This is a great thing that has happened."

# Middle Age madness

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back to Europe and from there, it's just another step to the Middle Ages.

Thompson depicts a 10th-century Viking in the demonstrations, and with his tall stature, long strawberry-blond hair and medieval costume, he looks something like the Swedish Vikings from whom he is descended.

**Other society** members also "research their own roots" and depict characters who might have been their ancestors, Thompson said. The society, however, attempts "to portray the whole Middle Ages" and some come dressed as character types that only represent a period, not an actual or fictitious person.

June McDaniel's romantic, full-skirted dress might have been worn by a "middle-class wealthy person of the 12th or 13th century."

The middle class included "all free people who weren't titled, such as merchants, yeoman and knights," McDaniel said. But in medieval Europe, as in contemporary America, there was a great disparity in income among members of this class.

McDaniel's costume might have been a little too elaborate for "everyday wear for the working women" or even for the ladies who managed larger households.

"Women who were working, or those who were going about the house commanding servants might have worn something simpler," she said. It was also possible to adapt the multi-layered clothes for the weather.

McDaniel wore only the underdress of the two-piece dress "and even in England, although it was a lot cooler, they dressed down in summer so a woman might have worn just the underdress."

Children's clothes could also be modified for climate, according to Trish Hackett, whose three young children were dressed in flowing robes not too different from those worn by the adults.

Youth fashion wasn't a major industry in medieval Europe, she explained, and children dressed in styles similar to their elders.

"The tiny infants were usually just wrapped in long blankets," she said. "Then when they got a little older they wore adult clothes, which were usually had a lot of layers. I haven't put as many layers on my kids today because of the heat."



Photo by Jane Rowe  
**DOMESTICATION.** June McDaniel instructed young Lori Deen in the art of homemaking during a role-playing scene at last weekend's Medieval Festival.

**Some members** of the Virginia Medieval Society are skilled seamstresses or craftsmen who design and make the costumes, armor and other equipment. Armor-maker R.L. McDaniel of Chesapeake said that a lifelong interest in the Middle Ages encouraged him to teach himself to make armor.

"When I joined a medieval group they wanted armor and nobody knew how to make it," he said. "So I began reading books and looking at pictures of armor with a magnifying glass" to see how the metal joints fit together.

It took him over two years "to get my patterns down and experiment with working with metal" and he's now been making armor for 15 years.

McDaniel's researched the different types of armor worn throughout Europe down through the centuries and, for a price, he can outfit a customer to look like a Roman soldier or a Gothic knight.

The cost of a suit of armor ranges from \$2,500 to \$10,000, with the very elaborate Gothic or Maximilian armor fetching the highest price.

"I make armor from any country during any century," McDaniel said "because I've researched what was worn when."

Armor was worn by the ancient Romans and it was worn right up to the early seventeenth century "when the increased use of guns made it impractical."

It was possible, he said, to make armor that was bullet-proof, but as guns became more powerful the armor became thicker and heavier until it finally became

impossible to wear.

Members of the four-year-old Virginia Medieval Society include blue and white collar workers and professionals drawn together by a love of history and a desire to research and role-play, Thompson said.

Although he admits that most of the members are probably drawn to the Middle Ages "because there's a certain romance to it" they rely on hard facts, not fantasy to prepare for their demonstrations.

"We don't do Dungeons and Dragons or any fantasy," he said. "Members must research to know what kind of clothes and shoes their characters would have worn," he said. "They must be 'medievally' correct."

And, although this period of history is often associated with the occult in current popular culture "the term medieval has nothing to do with evil," Thompson continued. "It comes from a Latin term that just simply means 'Middle Ages.' That was a Middle Time, a time when everything was changing."

"I enjoy medieval and Renaissance history," said Kay Elam of Virginia Beach, who attended last weekend's event. "I would like to make costumes, and my husband does leather-working. We went to some Renaissance fairs when we lived in California and I think we'll probably end up joining this group."

Society members hold their festival each summer at the Lynnhaven House and meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month. For more information, call 420-5439.

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# A new view of VIEW

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are working part-time or have baby-sitter problems. We're hoping to give them about 20 to 30 minutes of background information, then give them an opportunity to ask questions for about an hour and a half," said Kirkland.

Participants will learn about Virginia Beach's Center for Employment Partnerships, Virginia Beach's job center. They will also see two success stories — TANF recipients who have already moved into the work force — and learn about the Neighbor to Neighbor Mentorship Program.

"I think a lot of the fear is that the customers just don't know — fear of the unknown. You can pretty much deal with anything if

you know what's going to happen. The more information we can give our clients, the better chance they will have to prepare themselves," said Kirkland.

The Center for Employment Partnerships will be key to that preparation. Its services include job referrals, job and career development, referrals to community services, mentorship, support services for job retention and job readiness skills.

According to Kirkland, the challenge will be finding employment for the 937 individuals who will be affected.

"Our concern is that we won't be able to do the job development that we need to do, although we're working hard at that. None of us are experienced job developers. One of the anxieties for us is that the jobs might not be forthcoming," she

said.

To make VIEW work, the city is seeking support from the business and church communities for job opportunities, guidance and support.

"Unless you've been through it or work with someone on public assistance, you don't know what has happened in their life to put them in that predicament. They're here because it's the last place they can turn," Kirkland said.

Kirkland acknowledges that the transition to welfare reform will be a bumpy ride, despite the meetings.

"You always have difficulty when there's a change in policy — and this is a major change. But this is a change in philosophy, too, thinking about employment as opposed to entitlement."

# Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, pain-

ful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to

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## New comprehensive plan emphasizes open space

### Medieval night

Step back into the days of old when knights were bold for an evening of feasting and entertainment at Medieval Night on Sept. 6 at Bunker 807 at Fort Story.

Tickets are \$13 per person in advance and can be purchased at the Fort Story Club, Bldg. 1102, Ft. Story, or the Marketing Division of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, Bldg. 210 Room 103, Fort Eustis. Costumes are encouraged. For information on tickets or costumes, call 422-7583.

### Free fishing

Help a youngster tackle the basics of angling Virginia waters by attending a family fishing clinic where children will team up with an experienced fisherman for guided instructions on beginning fishing skills. Admission is free.

The clinic will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Munden Point Park and is open to children aged 6 to 14 who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event is limited to the first 150 children to register. All fishing equipment is provided. Registration is Sept. 8-26.

For more information, call Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, 471-5884, TDD 471-5839.

### Speak out

The Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation has formed a Special Projects Team to study issues related to the operation of the department and service provision to the citizens of Virginia Beach.

The first issue to be addressed will be skateboarding. Citizen input, especially from the skateboarding community, will be critical to the success of this project. Interested parties can call 563-1100 to become involved.

### Visiting authors

Alice Jane and Robert Lippon, co-authors of "Life in the Chesapeake Bay," will be at the Virginia Marine Science Museum for a slide presentation and book signing on Saturday, Sept. 6. Highlighting the release of the second edition is a presentation at 4:30 p.m. in the museum's IMAX Theater.

Originally published in 1984, the first edition of "Life in the Chesapeake Bay" became an instant classic, providing insight into some of the more than 2,000 plants and animals that make their home in America's largest estuary.

The event is free to members and \$3 for non-members. Call 437-6006 for reservations and for more information.

### Folk concert

The historic Francis Land House will provide the perfect setting for the folk music of Michael Jerling on Friday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Tidewater Friends of Folk Music. Tickets are \$8, \$6 to club members.

Jerling has been characterized as an artist who performs his "extraordinary songs with the uncommon ability to deliver them to an audience with power and grace." Call 431-4000 for reservations and information.

### Exhibit opening

"From Passion to Blue," a collection of new works by award-winning local artist Joe Delulio, opens Sept. 4 at The Artists Gallery. A Williamsburg resident and former gallery owner, the artist has exhibited widely in the Hampton Roads area. This exhibition, a tribute to Picasso, opens with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. and continues through September.

The Artists Gallery is located at 2407 Pacific Ave. Call 425-6671 for more information.

### Auditions held

The Virginia Beach Choral, under the direction of Lou Sawyer, will hold auditions on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Thalia Rd. Come with a prepared audition piece, and an accompanist will be provided. The Virginia Beach Choral rehearses on Monday evenings from September through May and presents at least two public concerts a year. The group of approximately 65 voices sings both popular and classical pieces. For more information, call 486-1464 or 588-4212.

### Baby talk

Virginia Beach General Hospital offers a six-week prepared childbirth class in the Afton Care Office, Oxford Square on 1450 Kempsville Rd., beginning Monday, Sept. 8 or Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Another class is offered on Sunday from 9 to 11 p.m. beginning on Sept. 21.

There is a fee. For more information and to register, call 467-4037.

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach, a city without a downtown, will have as its unifying factor open space if the vision presented in the proposed comprehensive plan is realized.

Planning Director Robert Scott, in discussing the plan at a City Council workshop Tuesday, said that "open space will be the glue that is going to hold the city together. Some cities are built with the concept of a vibrant downtown; we don't have one; we have

### Quality stressed in Beach future

open space."

But the open space concept in the northern part of the city may hit a snag. Councilman Linwood Branch said that people take for granted the green spaces and open space, but much of that space is owned by people who may want to develop it.

Scott said that the city needs to give some consideration to acquiring open space in the north end of the city.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said that waterways have to be recognized as open space in the northern part of the city, but that the city needs more public access to the waterways.

"We have open space other cities don't have," he said.

Scott said that land needs to be acquired in a pattern. He said access to West Neck Creek is limited.

Councilman Louis R. Jones said that

he could think of only four tracts of open space in the city and understands that one of the owners of one wants to use the property.

"To acquire land," he said, "would take a lot of money. How are we going to do that?" he wondered.

Scott suggested that the city go to the property owners with a plan "instead of us just sitting here" and waiting for the property owners to come forward with their plans. He said

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## School, library referendums on Tuesday agenda

### Remodeling eight schools is just start of 12-year rebuilding program

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

If City Council decides next Tuesday to call for a referendum to fund the rebuilding and remodeling of eight of Virginia Beach's oldest schools, it will be only the beginning of what can be extended to a 12-year remodeling program costing approximately \$200 million.

The referendum would call for \$62.5 million for the first eight schools. One million previously included for studies was deleted when council decided to fund studies from its capital budget, which would be completed over a four-year period.

Referendum projects for the years 2000 and 2003 would each provide funds for remodeling eight additional schools taking four years to complete each group of eight.

That's not counting another \$50 to \$100 million that will be needed to equip the city's school with technology.

And that's not counting the library referendum which council will also consider next Tuesday and would increase the real estate tax rate from 1.9 cents to 6.9 cents depending on which option is selected for the referendum.

If the eight-school referendum is approved, the tax rate would be increased by something less than three cents.

If the school program is followed to its logical conclusion, E. Dean Block, director of management, said by the

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## Court Day participants enjoy some judicious Colonial revelry

By Bob Rueggeger  
Correspondent

Visitors to the Adam Thoroughgood House had a unique opportunity to experience the festive atmosphere and Colonial ambience of 17th-Century Court Days in Virginia last weekend.

Court Day was an important social occasion as well as a chance to pursue business interests. In addition, it was also an opportunity to temporarily escape the relative isolation characteristic of sparsely populated Norfolk County.

In 1634, the county court system was introduced in Colonial Virginia when courts were authorized for each of the eight original shires or counties. Adam Thoroughgood served as a county justice of the peace in Lower Norfolk County and the first county courthouse was built on land owned by Thoroughgood.

According to Thoroughgood House historic interpreter Marilyn Sinkov, Adam Thoroughgood "ultimately owned in excess of 7,000 acres by the time he died in 1640."

He was a most prominent citizen — a landowner, captain in the militia, member of the House of Burgesses, and a justice of the peace.

Prior to the establishment of the local county courts, many of the tasks that were to become the province of the county courts had been handled by "an irregular patchwork of monthly courts and at particular plantations" according to Warren Billings in "The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century."

This "overlapping jurisdiction" tended to make the prompt and effective disposition of justice nearly impossible. Billings claimed. The establishment of local courts in centrally located county seats eventually helped to eliminate delays and stamp out inefficiency.



Photo by Bob Rueggeger

**BUG EYED.** The Witch of Pango Grace Sherwood, portrayed by Irene Hille, puts on her best funny face as she holds an egg shell. Sherwood was reported to have sailed from England in an egg shell.

Nancy Baker, senior interpreter at the Thoroughgood House, stressed, "This was the beginning of the decentralization of the government. Locals could pretty much take care of their own government."

There were some very obvious advantages to decentralization. Baker said, "They could hold court whenever they wanted to."

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## Exhibit builds on the past

### Land House explores evolution of plantation to working museum

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

Fragments of a 19th-century newspaper, a few scraps of faded wallpaper and pictures depicting 1920s-era cars, children and cows reveal a lot about a house's identity.

These artifacts also tell something about this house's long transgression from farmhouse to upscale dress shop to museum.

These and other items from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries are part of a newly-opened exhibit at the Francis Land House.

"Evolution and Change: The Museum Emerges," which will continue through June, focuses on the architectural changes made to the 18th-century mansion during a succession of owners. The exhibit, curator Mark Reed added, also raises some questions about the lifestyles of people who lived in the house down through the decades.

"With a house that had so many changes, it's fascinating trying to figure

out why the families made these changes," Reed said. "Were they for aesthetics, or were they for functional reasons?"

The exhibit covers the house's history from the time it was built, in the late 1700s, to its transformation into a museum after the city bought it in 1975.

The thrust, however, is on the recent past and the changes made during the early and mid-20th century "because we typically focus on an earlier period in our tours," Reed said.

The plantation house that Francis Land built on the Lynnhaven River looked different, at least on the outside, than it does today. It stood only one-and-one-half stories, had fewer and smaller windows and an exterior kitchen.

Colonial life, even for large landowners, was relatively spartan and comfort and privacy weren't the



Photo by Jane Rowe

**HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.** Land House curator Mark Reed ponders the future of the centuries-old home, a Virginia Beach landmark. A current exhibit explores the home's evolution.

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# Commentary

## LABOR DAY TRAFFIC

### Drive smart

Anyone who has ever gotten a ticket while driving knows that "oh no" feeling experienced when a law enforcement officer's vehicle appears in the rearview mirror.

There will be a lot of those "oh no's" during the upcoming Labor Day weekend, one of the roads' most heavily-traveled times of the year.

During peak holiday travel periods, the Virginia State Police participate in Operation CARE, a state-sponsored national program that emphasizes safe driving. An acronym for Combined Accident Reduction Effort, CARE operates in all 50 states and Canada. The 96-hour statistical counting period will extend from Friday through Monday.

Also during this time State Police and local police departments and sheriff's offices will be participating in a second enforcement wave, the "Smart, Safe and Sober" campaign.

Why all this increased enforcement? Because traffic fatalities are no laughing matter. During last year's Labor Day holiday in Virginia, troopers issued summonses to or arrested 4,856 drivers for speeding, 1,416 for reckless driving, 148 for drinking and driving, 1,149 for not using safety belts, 101 for not using child restraints and 1,053 for other hazardous violations.

Even worse are the recorded fatalities. Last year 10 people died on Virginia roads during the Labor Day weekend.

Avoid that "oh no" feeling by driving smart and playing it safe. — V.E.H.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### ...And drive even smarter

One of the easiest reminders that it's time for Hampton Roads children to return to school is those big, yellow school buses lumbering down the city streets to collect their precious cargo.

The school, police and military have joined forces to remind drivers to think smart when hitting the roads during early morning hours and afternoons. For that reason the American Automobile Association (AAA) reminds motorists of its annual "School's Open — Drive Carefully" campaign.

There is an increased exposure of children to traffic as they walk to and from school or their bus stops. Younger children are particularly excitable. Many youngsters lack traffic experience. The AAA urges drivers to remember these tips as the new school year gets under way:

- Slow down around schools and in residential areas in the morning and afternoon.
- Always look for children.
- Look for clues that warn of children in the area, such as safety patrols, adult crossing guards, signs, buses and bicycles.
- Practice extra caution in bad weather or when the sun on the horizon obscures your vision.
- Obey all traffic signs and symbols.
- Be alert to late students running to catch the school bus.
- Practice extra caution around school sites when students, parents, teachers and buses converge.

Remember, one young life lost to a needless traffic accident is one too many. — V.E.H.

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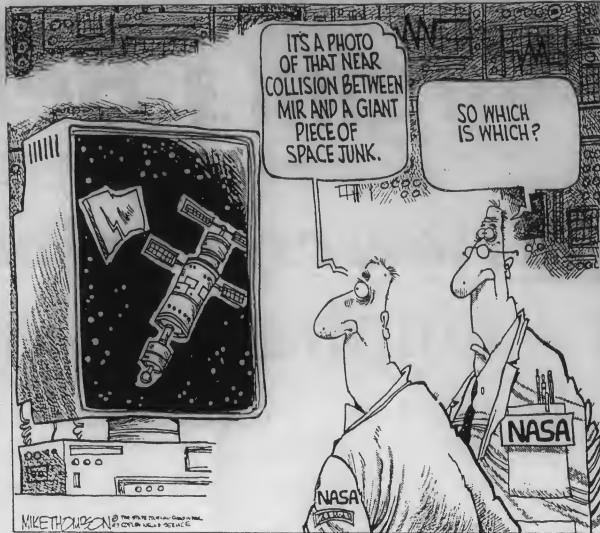
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# Belaboring the point

The irony of how we observe Labor Day in these United States has never escaped me.

We recognize the contribution that labor — hard work — has made in the development of this nation by not working. What a novel approach! Please don't get me wrong. I'm not opposed to the holiday. I just object to calling it Labor Day.

## Out in Left Field

By Bob Ruessgaeger, columnist

Label it something else, something more appropriate.

When Peter J. McGuire, a New York City carpenter who assisted in establishing the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and Matthew Maguire, a Paterson, N.J. machinist, suggested that a holiday honoring American workers be considered, they probably had another name for the holiday in mind.

Of course, the Knights of Labor supported the idea and organized a parade on Sept. 5, 1882 in New York City to honor working men and presumably women and children as well. That was the first Labor Day Parade. Those were the good old days — long

hours, sweat shops, and child labor.

From that day forward, the idea of observing Labor Day as a holiday rather than reporting for work began to gather wide ranging support from the labor movement.

In 1887, Oregon was the first state to declare Labor Day a legal holiday, and, in 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill that established Labor Day as a national holiday.

If Labor Day is considered in the same context and by the same standard as the other holidays, it makes no national sense to call it Labor Day. The last thing anyone wants to do on a holiday is work.

How can we justify calling a day on which no one is supposed to work Labor Day?

If we observed other holidays by doing the opposite of what the name of the holiday suggests, some serious frustration would certainly result.

For example, Arbor Day is traditionally commemorated by planting trees. If we use the same rationale used for Labor Day, we ought to be cutting trees down and grinding up the stumps. Can you imagine how chain saw sales might skyrocket during an Arbor Day sale?

Valentine's Day is a day when folks are supposed to show that they care for their loved ones — the special people in their lives. What if people did the opposite? Sweethearts broke up and married folks divorced. Bitter enemies might send caustic cards called "Venomines" to each other — or 10-pound boxes of chocolates.

How about Thanksgiving? People

could spend that day expressing their ingratitude rather than giving thanks. They could overcook the turkey, sit around the house watching the Redskins lose, and complain about their miserable jobs.

What about Christmas? In an effort to remain politically correct we could cross Christ right out of Christmas — Xmas. We could spend money, buy gifts and receive gifts without ever thinking of the religious origins of the day.

On Memorial Day, we could honor our war heroes by kicking over their tombstones and spray painting the walls surrounding our national cemeteries.

Veterans Day would be a great time to show the men and women in our armed forces that we appreciate the sacrifices that they have made in the defense of our nation by withholding or delaying their retirement and disability checks.

Finally, we could celebrate the birth of our nation on Independence Day by setting fire to the Stars and Stripes and running the flaming banners up the flagpoles in front of federal buildings.

Perhaps I'm belaboring the point, and the point is that we ought to change the name of this holiday from Labor Day to something more appropriate.

It took a little imagination, but I've finally arrived at the perfect solution to this holiday disparity. My ingenious proposal is that we rename this holiday *No Labor Day*. Now, that really hits the nail on the head!

# Far from poised perfection

Most people know me as Victoria or Vicki, but a select few call me Grace.

An alter ego, perhaps? Schizophrenia? Multiple personality disorder? Or maybe even the witness protection program?

The answer is "none of the above." One word says it all — klutz.

Ever since I was a small child, gracefulness has been far from my strong suit. In fact, downright clumsy most aptly describes my poise.

Two of my best skills are tripping and falling down stairs. My body has the bumps and bruises to show for it.

I was painfully reminded of my special "talent" last night when a high school chum invited us to his new home for a barbecue. Evan and I eagerly gave our RSVP.

The night was going smoothly. I hadn't dropped the watermelon we brought — our contribution to the barbecue — on the way in. I can't say as much for the cake I brought to another house-warming event we attended.

Once inside the house I hadn't caused any small disasters, such as knocking over a soda or tripping over a pet. When we went out onto the wobbly deck to eat our supper, I didn't even fall off into the water. Life was good.

After a few sodas, though, I had to avail myself of the facilities and headed back to the house. On the way outside again, I paused to make sure the back door was shut tight. Suddenly I mis-stepped, though, and went flailing down the brick steps.

Of course, I screamed in surprise and pain as I landed on the hard cement below. My husband, who has come to know this scream well in 14 years, came running.

I was sitting on the cement rubbing my ankle and trying valiantly not to cry. Our friends Dave and Jenn rushed behind him to investigate.

"I knew it was you," Evan joked. "How'd you do it this time?"

I mumbled something as he nursed the ankle. He made me wiggle my toes, then helped me up when it was clear the ankle wasn't broken. However, I did take a lot of meat out of my foot and small toe thanks to the flimsy sandals I was wearing.

Back on the dock I held ice to the ankle while Evan cleaned the wound. Then we all had a good laugh over the accident, even though my foot was still stinging.

I've heard that laughter is the best medicine. Well, I've had a lot of that medicine.

My clumsiness is well known among relatives and friends. People hold my arm firmly as I go down steps. Mom warns me to be extra careful walking along the sidewalk and to guard for uneven pavement.

Unfortunately, many strangers have been witness to my klutz factor. Several incidents immediately come to mind, since most occurred when I was dressed to impress.

Once, when I was about 13 or 14, my parents and I were in Barcelona, Spain on vacation and staying in a rather posh hotel. We were going to a fancy dinner that evening, so Mom

bought me a black sleeveless evening dress and some very "cha cha" red pumps.

As I made my way down the grand circular staircase to the lobby, my new shoes lost their footing on the slick marble. I rolled — yes, rolled — all the way to the bottom just like Scarlett O'Hara did in her famous "Gone With The Wind" miscarriage scene.

More than my body was bruised. My ego suffered a big blow.

Evan can testify that I was a walking disaster in high school. We regularly enjoyed cultural offerings such as the opera, symphony and stage productions. And, of course, being the fashion-conscious teen, I dressed to the hilt for such occasions.

That always meant high-heeled shoes. In turn, that meant I fell down the stairs at the Wells Theater after a Virginia State Company production, after a Virginia Opera performance and in numerous restaurants.

All of those added up to big-time embarrassment.

I'm too old to change now, as this weekend's episode proved. Into that you can also factor the many times I fell during the snow and ice storms of early 1996 and the all-too-common "trips" I take walking on sidewalks.

I also have a habit of walking into walls and doors, as well as slamming my fingers in desks and doors. I'm great at spilling and dropping, too.

The sad part is that I can't find an outlet for all these "talents," unless I join a clown troupe. Then again, I'll probably never get the knack of walking in those big shoes.

Like it or not, I'll never be a ballerina, much less a mildly poised person. So if you see me around, you can call me "Grace." I'll know who you're addressing.

# 'Piranhas of the press' are at it again

Without the benefit of due process, many of the national printed and electronic news media have judged, convicted and are ready to sentence John

and Patsy Ramsey for the brutal murder of their 6-year-old daughter, JonBenet.

Perhaps they are guilty, but so far there has not been presented any evidence proving that to be the case. Granted, both John and Patsy Ramsey have acted very strangely from the beginning of the investigation.

Some have criticized them for obtaining lawyers, but after what happened to Richard Jewell in the Atlanta bombing, who can blame them? They almost had Jewell ready for the electric chair until it was proven that he did not do it.

The Ramseys are smart to have lawyers giving them advice.

I have, however, been somewhat troubled by the demeanor of the Ramseys. I do not detect the outrage that the average person would feel when asked if they had murdered their child if they were innocent. They seem to be constantly trying to convince the public that they didn't do it. They have decided to conduct their own investigation since they have no confidence in the police.

It was interesting that the state hired Barry "Eagle Beak" Scheck, who was a member of the O.J. Simpson "dream team" to help them. Since Scheck couldn't blame the murder on Dennis Fong, Det. Mark Furman or the police, he left town bawling zero. If the Ramseys are not guilty, it would be a terrible injustice for them to be accused of doing it.

Friends and relatives who know the Ramseys up close and personal describe them "as a loving giving spiritual family that always put family first." It would seem that over the years someone would have heard something that would put them in a bad light if they are guilty — but so far nothing of the sort has happened. I really must confess, like so many others, that I have no idea what the outcome of this bizarre case will be. I feel sorry for the Ramseys over the loss of their daughter.

I can't comprehend any sane person or persons committing such a terrible crime as the death of JonBenet.

It turns out that the Ramseys are not responsible for the murder of JonBenet, those members of the news media who have accused them will have some crow to eat. I can just see the apology now on page 16 in small print.

After this is all over, the piranhas of the press will move on to destroy the lives and reputations of others in order to justify their existence. The Ramseys are innocent until proven guilty, but some appear to have forgotten that.

Welcome to the real world.

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# Ecotourism: new genre of traveler is boon to Beach

Virginia Beach is unique among seaside destinations. It combines the modern luxuries of a popular resort city with some of the East Coast's most breathtaking ecological treasures.



**The Mayor's Report**

Mayor Meyers Oberdorf

Our city, which hosts more than two million visitors annually has retained its spectacular natural beauty and hosts a substantial summer population of bottlenose dolphins and is the winter home to endangered

humpback whales.

Our Virginia Marine Science Museum is now one of the top 10 marine science and aquarium facilities. Its mission is to promote education and awareness and to help protect our wildlife and marine habitat.

From First Landing/Seashore State Park to Backbay National Wildlife Refuge to False Cape State Park, Virginia Beach has a treasure of pristine—and virtually undiscovered—natural resources.

We want to preserve and protect this natural treasure and also to enjoy it.

Creating a balance between these ecological areas and the visitors they attract is a challenge that the city's Department of Convention and Visitor Development is addressing with a series of ecotourism symposia—the first was held in the fall of 1996.

The Southeastern Virginia Ecotourism Symposium attracted more than 100 participants and

opened meaningful discussions about how our environment can best be enjoyed and serve as an economic benefit without damaging it.

The symposium showed that both goals can be achieved if proper care is taken. Whether your business is between sea kayak operators and tourism industry leaders; federal park managers and private adventure travel businesses; attractions and hoteliers—key partnerships must be developed and established before regions like ours can become nature-based travel destinations and attract the lucrative ecotraveler market.

In the words of symposium keynote speaker Stanley Selengut, owner of the famous Maho Bay Camps and Harmony Resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands, "...ecotourists are wonderful customers to have."

They are affluent, educated travelers who spend more money on their vacations and take longer trips.

With the city's abundance of back-to-nature activities such as bird-watching, hiking, biking, canoeing, dolphin and whale-watching and sea kayaking that can be enjoyed in an accessible coastal setting, Virginia Beach is in a wonderful position to attract these travelers, especially during the fall and spring seasons, when our city is at its loveliest and there are available accommodations.

The Third Southeastern Virginia Ecotourism Symposium will be held Feb. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Virginia Marine Science Museum and will feature panel discussions as well as opportunities for local service providers to discuss the challenges and successes of the business.

To register as an exhibitor or attendee, contact the Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center at 446-8038, or visit the Web site: [www.virginiabeach.us/services/parks/Ecotour/Main.htm](http://www.virginiabeach.us/services/parks/Ecotour/Main.htm).

The Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development contributed to this column.

## Exhibit shows art, technology are far from worlds apart

"Forces: Art for the End of the 20th Century," a multi-media exhibition of high-tech artworks that comment on our culture's relationship to technology, will be on exhibit Sept. 19 through Dec. 9 at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

To many, the world of art and the world of technology seem to be at opposite ends of a psychological spectrum. Art is often perceived to be the domain of feeling, color, emotion and creativity; technology as black and white, rational, mechanical and linear.

But technology has been a compelling media for artists throughout this century. In the early 1900s, artists explored visions of a mechanized Utopia.

More recently, as the concepts about the environmental effects of technology grow, artists have begun to question the value of our relationship to technology.

Some pieces in "Forces" pay homage to those turn-of-the-century artists who glorified the beauty of technology. James Ossi's "Russian Constructivism via Venice Beach" is a mesmerizing column filled with undulating rainbows of reflected light.

Others, such as Gregory Barsamian's "Mother May I," offer dry commentary on the careless use of resources. Barsamian's remarkable sculpture-in-the-round utilizes strobe light and principles of optics to depict a gloved hand plucking eggs from the earth only to crush them.

These two works, among 11 others, comprise a lively and engaging exhibition that will delight the curious of all ages.

In keeping with the scientific and interactive nature of the exhibit, the center's education department will establish a special "Do touch" area in the Fleming Gallery, where young patrons can explore—through fun, tactile activities—the scientific principles behind the artwork in "Forces."

"Forces" will open on Friday, Sept. 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. The public is invited to attend this free reception, which will feature live music, light refreshments, a cash bar and a special attraction for young patrons: an entire gallery of hands-on activities based on the works in "Forces."

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is located at 2200 Parks Ave. in Virginia Beach, at the westbound entrance to Route 44. For more information call 425-0000.

## Suspect sought in West Neck bank robbery

Bank robberies are on the increase in the Tidewater area and Virginia Beach is no exception.

The Bank of Tidewater located at 2251 West Great Neck Rd. was robbed on Monday, Aug. 11 around 11:40 a.m. A male subject approached the teller with a demand note. The money was placed in a green shaving bag. The robber left the bank and got into a waiting vehicle. The vehicle was described as a light blue, four-door, Nissan Stan-



**Crime Solvers**

By Det. Lou Chappell, Virginia Beach Police Department

za. The suspect was white, 5-foot-10-inches tall, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, black boots and a construction hat and sunglasses. He had a mustache and light brown hair. Make a phone call to Crime Solvers at 427-0000 and earn a cash reward. Working together will make our community a safer place to live.

## Up close and personal

### Bob Bobulinski: 'Walking the talk'

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Bob Bobulinski likes to say that's he's one of those people who not only "talks the talk," he goes a step further and "walks the talk."

The Making A Difference Foundation, a non-profit organization providing tutoring and mentoring to thousands of young people, is the proof.

Founded by the Kempsville resident six years ago, Making A Difference has earned local, state and national recognition for its work. Last year alone Bobulinski's brainchild provided \$1.2 million worth of free tutoring and mentoring.

Without help from the organization, many at-risk students may not have passed their academic course work, achieved an adequate score on the SAT for college admission, or received financial assistance for higher education.

Making A Difference exists because one man took a sincere interest in one student.

"In the late 1980s I had sons who were athletes at Kempsville High School and noticed that many of their teammates were not graduating and hitting the road to college. I did a little research and found that 22 All-Tidewater football players, or roughly three a year, had qualified for scholarships," Bobulinski said.

His son's own wrestling team, boasting three All-Americans, was in the same boat. None of the three outstanding wrestlers were bound for academic aid.

"We took one of them in, got him to graduate after his class and got him into Norfolk State, where he made Dean's List and then got an academic scholarship to Penn State," he beamed.

When the press publicized the success story, Bobulinski was flooded with telephone calls asking him "to do something bigger." The next year he worked with 13 football players from Norview High School, all of whom went to college. He then spread it to Booker T. Washington, I.C. Norcom and Norview.

"All of a sudden it ended up across the whole area, which led to us becoming a 501c non-profit organization," he said.

Because of Making A Difference, more than 2,000 students to date have been sent to college. The foundation has also helped more than 10,000 young people improve their academic standings through a small cadre of trained professionals and military volunteers. There is only one teacher in the whole group.

Making A Difference has become Bobulinski's life. He tries to get to every site where the tutoring and mentoring sessions are held and, as manager of the Hampton Roads Sharks football team, encourages players to act as role models for the youth.

"I walked away from industry two years ago and walked away from doing contracts in the social services area last year to focus on this full time," he said. "I always wanted this to be my life, but I went into the Navy in the Vietnam era and made a career out of it. This is the most fulfilling."

"Our kids come from all backgrounds, races and family types, from poverty all the way to rich kids. We had six valedictorians last year," Bobulinski bragged. "They'll all tell you they're our kids. It's almost like a big club."

He describes the organization as goal-oriented as opposed to information-oriented.

"What we're trying to do is get kids to set objectives and goals to accomplish tasks—to take a look at where their lives have been, where they want to go and how they can achieve it. When we meet with them it's setting up that direction."

Bobulinski can't imagine doing anything else.

"Before I got into this in depth, I spent two weeks on the streets at night trying to learn why kids were out at three in the morning. No one is caring. Mom is too busy working, and kids are looking for someone to care. With them responding to us, they cared enough to make a difference. They're



walking the talk with us," he said.

**Name:** Robert A. Bobulinski.

**What brought you to this area:** The U.S. Navy.

**Hometown:** East Meadow, N.Y.

**Age:** 49.

**Nickname:** Bob, because "Ski" just wasn't me.

**Occupation:** Founder, president and executive director of the Making A Difference Foundation; general manager of the Hampton Roads Sharks football team; and, adjunct professor at Averett College.

**Marital Status:** Married to Alicia Fernandez.

**Children:** Five: Michael, 27; Tony, 25; Stacia, 23; Jessica, 18; and, Mike, 17.

**Favorite movie:** "Con Air."

**Magazines I read regularly:** Fortune.

**Favorite author:** Tom Clancy.

**Favorite night on the town:** Dinner at Lynnhaven Fish House and dancing at Oceana O'Club.

**Favorite restaurants:** Frankie's Place for ribs, The Grate Steak and Mr. Yuan.

**Favorite meal:** Good scotch and a plate of Frankie's ribs.

**What most people don't know about me:** I'm really an introvert.

**Best thing about myself:** I care.

**Worst habit:** I don't tell people where I'm going.

**Pets:** A Rotweiler named Zeki.

**Ideal vacation:** Cancun alone with my wife.

**Hobbies:** Sharks football.

**Pet peeves:** Narrow-minded people.

**First job:** Navy ensign.

**Favorite sports teams:** Hampton Roads Sharks and Penn State Nittany Lions.

**Favorite musicians:** My brother, Greg, is a New York City jazz man.

**Most embarrassing moment:** None.

**I would like my epitaph to read:** "He cared enough to walk the talk."

**If I received \$1 million:** I would take care of my family and friends, fund Making A Difference Foundation, and take that trip to Cancun.

**If I had 10 minutes on national television:** I would make a plea for responsible adults to help better educate our children on life and basics like reading, writing and arithmetic. I would ask all adults to care about our children before it is too late.

## School call-in show returns to VBTV

The Virginia Beach school division's call-in opinion program, "The School Division Wants to Know," which has been on summer vacation during July and August, returns to the air on Tuesday. The question that viewers will be asked to answer is, "If the vote on the \$63.5 million school bond referendum for renovations and repairs of schools were held today, how would you vote—yes or no?"

The program is broadcast on VBTV, Cox Cable Channel 47, at 5 p.m. prior to every regular School Board meeting, and on each program viewers are asked for their opinion on an important issue of current interest to the school division. By calling the Virginia Beach Beach-Line at 427-3580, ext. 292, they may respond to a "yes" or "no" question and leave a brief comment on the subject of the

question if they wish.

Public Information Coordinator Joe Lowenthal is the on-the-air host of the program. On the Sept. 2 program, Tony Arnold, director of the school division's office of facilities planning and construction, and Greg Anderson, principal of Cooke Elementary School, will provide information on the referendum that will be on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The call-in program made its debut on Nov. 5 and ran until the end of June. The program addressed such topics as the school operating budget, new academic requirements, full-day kindergarten and mandatory summer school. The Tuesday program and future programs will be rebroadcast three times following its initial showing and viewers will be able to respond through Beach-Line during the rebroadcasts also.

Regular School Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The formal meetings start at 6 p.m. and are also broadcast on VBTV.

Channel 47. In addition, the board holds an informal session at 4 p.m. prior to every formal session; the informal sessions are not broadcast.

## Crisis Center help needed

The Crisis Center, a 24-hour telephone, suicide prevention/crisis intervention service, is offering a training course for those interested in volunteering with the program.

The Crisis Center volunteer staff is comprised of residents from all areas of South Hampton Roads. There are no educational qualifications to be met; all it takes is a desire to help those who are

experiencing a crisis in their lives.

Training is free. The next course will begin Sept. 15, Monday and Wednesday evenings, for five weeks from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. There is a critical need for daytime and overnight volunteers.

Applicants must attend an orientation; call by Sept. 10 for further information.

For more information, call 399-6395.



# Personal watercraft: operate with care

By David J. Schuerholz  
Military Correspondent

The air temperature was 90 degrees, visibility was five miles and the Pagan River near Smithfield was calm with bath-like 85-degree water on Aug. 1-2.

A 35-year-old personal watercraft (PWC) owner from Richmond was cruising the river at 25 to 35 miles per hour when he passed a 50-year-old PWC owner from Powhatan to his right.

The Richmond man decided to make a hard right turn and expected his water scooter to "slide." When it didn't, he was thrown into the water in front of the Powhatan man's watercraft and struck in the forehead.

No one was killed in the accident, but the 35-year-old man was taken to a local hospital to treat his injuries.

In an Aug. 6 report from the Virginia Marine Resources

Commission, the Richmond man stated that "the accident occurred because of my actions — I was operating in a reckless manner."

An increase in PWC accidents in the Virginia Beach area this year prompted Virginia Beach Vice Mayor William Sessions to call for a ban on the watercraft.

At the Aug. 12 session, Sessions requested the Virginia Beach City Council place a

temporary ban in order to draft new regulations regarding the operation of PWCs. While the ban wasn't imposed, a committee will be formed to propose more stringent PWC regulations.

Virginia Beach is not the only area experiencing an increase in PWC accidents. Nationally, accidents involving PWCs have increased steadily since 1987. There were 376 reported accidents involving PWCs in

1987, compared to 4,073 in 1996, according to a Coast Guard boating safety report.

Injuries and fatalities, as a result of PWC accidents, have also increased nationwide. Fatalities involving PWCs have increased from five in 1987 to 58 in 1996, while injuries have climbed from 156 in 1987 to 1,826 in 1996, according to the report.

Why the increase? One explanation for the increase in the number of accidents involving PWCs is an increase in the number of these watercraft on the nation's waterways, according to Stephen Phillips, boating safety specialist for the U.S. Coast Guard Fifth District in Portsmouth. The number of PWCs in use nationwide has risen from 92,000 in 1987 to 900,000 in 1996, according to the report.

Speed is also a factor. Some PWCs can travel at speeds up to 60 miles per hour, according to Phillips.

The main problem, however, is not with the increased number of PWCs or the rate of speed in which they travel. Instead, carelessness is the major factor causing PWC accidents, according to Phillips. "Most boating accidents are due to operator error," said Jack Nourie, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla commander for Flotilla 51 in Portsmouth.

Drowning accounts for 90 percent of the nation's non PWC boating fatalities, according to Phillips. The majority of injuries and deaths resulting from PWC accidents are from upper body and head trauma. Additionally, most of the accidents occur when the operator hits either a boat or another PWC, Phillips said.

"Education is the primary means to reducing boating accidents. We can save more lives through education," said Nourie.

More than 90 percent of boating operators involved in fatal boating accidents have not taken a boating safety course, according to Phillips.

Although the Coast Guard can't impose mandatory education to operate a PWC (states are tasked with determining legal requirements), it does support education for all boaters, including PWC operators, said Phillips.

Some basic safety instructions include, but are not limited to:

■ Always wear a personal flotation device.

■ Do not operate a PWC (or any vessel) while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

■ Stay to the right when

meeting oncoming vessels.

■ When overtaking another vessel, do not "cut in" until you are clear of the vessel you have passed. The overtaken vessel has the right of way.

■ In crossing situations, the boat to your right has the right of way. Slow down and let it pass well ahead of you.

■ Do not interfere in the movements of less maneuverable vessels like sailboats, barges, tugs, etc.

■ Do not operate a PWC in darkness or restricted visibility.

■ Know the local boating laws.

■ Be courteous to other PWC and boat operators.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers PWC safety courses and free safety checks.

The safety checks, known as courtesy marine inspections, meet all federal and state regulations. Owners of PWCs (and other vessels) who pass the safety check receive an inspection sticker, according to Nourie.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers safe boating courses that range from six hours of lessons to a 13-lesson course. These courses cost \$20 to \$30 and are accredited by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, according to Nourie.

For more information on safety inspections and safe boating courses, call 1-800-336-2628.

Safety briefs are also offered by rental operators and retailers, according to Capt. Michael Ragsdale, Chief of Operations, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and Fifth District, in Portsmouth. Ragsdale encourages all PWC operators to take the Auxiliary course and safety briefs and take them seriously.

Ragsdale said the Coast Guard has not increased the quantity of patrols because of the increase in PWC traffic, but has increased the quality of its patrols.

Coast Guard stations have been taking with PWC owners, rental agents and dealers to encourage more education. He said the Coast Guard works in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies to enforce local boating laws.

As Labor Day weekend approaches, the Coast Guard is asking operators of PWCs and all boats to be responsible when on the water: "Boat safe, Boat smart and Boat sober." Get a free safety inspection, take a boating education course and remain sober when operating any type of water vessel, said Nourie.

"Respect the machine and respect the water," Ragsdale added.

## HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

### Area businesses get 'WET'

**Enterprises learn water conservation tips, hear local success stories**

By Margaret Windley  
Correspondent

"Water, water" — to mangle a famous quote by the British poet Samuel Coleridge — "it's not everywhere and not every drop worth taking a drink of."

But the issue of water conservation is an important one to all since everyone needs water to live.

It is also one of the most expensive items in a business.

Last week the Hampton Roads Water Efficiency Team (HRWET) brought in a panel of speakers to present the group's first water conservation seminar. The event was held at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Building in Chesapeake.

HRWET members want to engender a water conservation ethic in the business and professional communities of Hampton Roads, to educate the local communities to the water situation, and to clarify the

reasons that water conservation is important.

The significance of the need for water conservation is underscored by the fact that Hampton Roads may be surrounded by water, but much of it is undrinkable, explained HRWET representative Lee Ann Sink, public education and information specialist.

Not only is the ocean too salty for human consumption, but so are also the James and the Elizabeth Rivers as well. Due to the fluctuating salt levels in those rivers, desalting them would be difficult and expensive, raising the costs to the consumers to prohibitive levels.

Hampton Roads averages 44 to 45 inches of rainfall each year, Sink said, but that is still no reason to celebrate.

"We don't get that amount every year," she noted.

The area can expect a population increase between 1990 and 2019 particularly in the military sector of the economy.

"There has really been no downsizing in Hampton Roads," Sink said. "We have gained people because of military downsizing."

HRWET ran a survey of the water use habits and knowledge of water-related



**GET WET.** As in "Water Efficiency Team." Businesses and individuals from across Hampton Roads and the Peninsula gathered for a conservation conference last week in Chesapeake. Katherine Ashton of Anheuser-Busch shared her company's success story.

issues in the 15 city area of Hampton Roads, said co-chairman Peg Nelson, a public information specialist in the Norfolk Department of Utilities.

"The survey showed that about half the residents did not feel that business and industry did their part in water conservation," she said. "But most felt that the homeowner did. This perception may or may not be valid."

During the course of a slide presentation show used for illustrations, Nelson showed some water success stories in the area. These included Virginia Beach General Hospital's recirculating system, which saves one million gallons of water annually, and the Yorktown station, where a closed loop system and a steam system upgrade saves 1.7 million gallons annually.

Water is important in the business community but

especially for a brewery.

"Water is the primary ingredient of beer," said Katherine Ashton, environmental health and safety resident manager for Anheuser-Busch Brewing.

Although there are many Busch breweries throughout the nation, the company pays more for water at the Williamsburg than anywhere else in the nation. Their waste water facility bill is rising, too.

Ashton explained that water conservation is a way of life at the brewery. They are subject every other year to utility audits done by the business and must implement any water saving opportunity that comes along. "Water conservation is driving our business," she said.

Rod Beard of Virginia Power said that water conservation was also important to the utility because it makes electricity from steam. The second largest resource consumed at his plant is water.

In 1988, Beard's station manager asked him to look at the expenses and he noted that at the end of the year the plant had used 200 million gallons. Forming a task force, he began by identifying the areas with the largest consumption of water and the largest waste of water. The utility has to have to have ultra pure water which boosts cost immensely.

Virginia Power learned that they could save water by changing the process a little. Instead of throwing away the water after it was used to make steam, they found out that they could send it through a demineralizer and use it again. They also changed from using packing on leaks to using mechanical seals, causing a tremendous savings.

Martha Kessler, who is in charge of family housing for the Norfolk Naval Base, changed the low-flow toilet devices going into 383 units and saved 15,000 gallons per day.

Because of an increased emphasis on water conservation, she said that people were afraid that they would not get the services they had been before. So she developed a plan taking into concern the need for mutual concern and good communication. Wanting the residents to be part of the effort, she used their newsletters to insert water saving tips.

After a four-month volunteer trial, the toilets were put into the entire housing complex at Hewitt Farms.

"We found that the people took such pride in being part of this," she said. "They were thrilled that they were going to save water for the Navy."

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## Anglers reel in new tournament

The Bank of Hampton Roads, Fisherman's Wharf Marina and Calcutta's Restaurant and Bar will sponsor the first Virginia Beach Invitational Marlin Tournament Sept. 4-6 as part of the "Super September Tournament Series."

The tournament will kick off on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a Captain's Party on The Deck at Calcutta's. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5-6, will be fishing days. The awards banquet will take place at Calcutta's Restaurant at 8 p.m. Saturday night. The public can visit the marina and experience the excitement as the spectacular big-game catches are weighed in between 4 and 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Invitational Marlin Tournament has two categories and offers a guaranteed purse of \$7,000. In the Billfish Release Category there will be three place winners dividing up the guaranteed purse. The winner of the Meatfish Category will take home 100 percent of the meatfish entry money, and will be determined by the greatest combined weight of meatfish for the two days.

Virginia Beach, being one of the big game sport-fishing meccas of the East Coast, boasts the largest variety of fish on the entire eastern seaboard and it's easy to see why.

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a species to suit the taste and budget of every angler.

The "Super September Tournament Series" reflects that variety of tastes with a line up of nine tournaments including the Portsmouth Spot and Croaker Tournament, Aug. 29-Sept. 1; the Tidewater Angler's Speckled Trout Tournament, Sept. 19-21 and the Neptune Festival Surf Fishing Tournament, Sept. 26-27. The brain child of the Hampton Roads Sport Fishing Council, Inc. (HRSC), this tournament series has a dual purpose — to promote sport fishing in the Tidewater area and to help families, particularly those with children, to rediscover fishing.

The Virginia Beach Invitational Marlin Tournament takes place in the peak of what promises to be a fantastic white marlin season, which runs from mid-July through September locally. The great expanse of ocean known as Virginia waters may appear as all the same to the uninitiated.

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Fisherman's Wharf Marina is located at 524 Winston Salem Ave. near the Redfish Inlet bridge in Virginia Beach.

For information and tournament applications, contact Paula Owen at 428-2111 or stop by Fisherman's Wharf Marina.



# Council raises questions about watershed plan

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council raised questions at a workshop Tuesday about whether the Southern Watershed Special Area Management Plan (SWAMP) would help or hinder the progress the city has already made toward protecting its watershed areas.

John Carlock, director of physical and environmental planning for the Hampton Roads Planning District Committee (HRPDC), which is acting as a facilitator for the Virginia Beach/Chesapeake three-year program, presented a status report on the program. It is designed to protect the southern watershed area which occupies the southern half of the two cities.

The two cities have been working together for several years to coordinate management of the area, but during the past year the project has entered a new phase. Initially funded through a combination of money from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCRMP) and matching funds, the Virginia Coastal Program has identified the project as a high priority in the 1997 Coastal Needs Assessment and Strategy. There are \$800,000 in federal funds for the program during 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Included in the area are the watersheds of the Northwest River, the North Landing River and Back Bay.

Carlock said that the program will be federally funded with no local match required. Councilwoman Barbara Henley, noting the progress the Beach has made in reserving the rural character of the southern

part of Virginia Beach, asked whether the control will shift from local control to state and federal control.

She said that when the existing comprehensive plan caused some concern (the draft of a new plan was presented to council Tuesday), council produced the agricultural reserve program to protect the rural areas, where the city purchases development rights from property owners south of the "green line."

The paper line that separates the rural from the developed areas of the city, has been extremely successful, Henley said that now that the city has something that will stick, the federal government is being brought into the picture.

"It makes you a little nervous," she said.

Carlock said that the program presents an opportunity to obtain federal money, that the money can be used for water quality programs, that the programs can be changed where they need to be changed and that the Local Government Advisory Committee will be guided by the comprehensive plans of the two cities.

The money, he said, has to be directed toward change, and must be used for studies and research rather than bricks and mortar projects. Carlock said that SWAMP will not require any local funding, will not own land, and will do nothing to expose the localities to liability.

The first Green Sea Festival, geared to promote public awareness of the natural resources in the watershed, will be held in October at the Northwest River Park in Chesapeake.

The two cities have developed five goals:

■ Water quality should be protected and enhanced for water supplies and natural resources conservation.

■ Preserve open lands to help protect and enhance water quality.

■ Ensure compatibility of recreational activities and commerce with natural resource protection.

■ The character of the southern watershed should remain rural while providing for rural residential development.

■ Agricultural and forestal activities in the southern watershed should be sustained and encouraged.

Chesapeake, Carlock said, has established a rural preservation district to minimize dense development in the southern end of the city which he described as rural clustered development when questioned by councilman Linwood Branch.

He said that Virginia Beach's Agricultural Reserve Program has picked the curiosity of Chesapeake citizens.

Councilman John A. Baum said, however, that in Chesapeake, "they have been busy talking, but they really haven't done anything."

What is a rural preservation district is, said Carlock are farmettes or country estates, residences on large lots. The Chesapeake comprehensive plan still shows agricultural and forests in the area of the Northwest River which is a water source for the city.

Much of the land along both the Northwest and North Landing Rivers has been purchased by the nature conservancy, while much

of the land in the Back Bay area is owned by the federal and state governments.

Henley added, "We've done a good job and I can't see rocking the boat."

Baum said he agreed with Barbara.

"Regulatory officials and scientific personnel are not the same."

He said that Chesapeake's minor subdivision regulations for

the southern end of the city makes it possible to develop the whole southern area with farmettes. He said that residential and agricultural uses are not compatible and that Chesapeake is not doing a good job.

However, he said, "If we follow the advice of the planning commission we will be following Chesapeake." He said that in Virginia Beach one house can be built on 25 acres in the southern

area of the city, while in Chesapeake five residences can be built on 15 to 25 acres.

Henley asked whether any of the recommendations that come out of the studies can be imposed on the localities.

Carlock said, "Absolutely not."

A workshop will be held on Sept. 13 open to the public. Carlock said that the committee will focus on inviting the people who live in the study area.

## Referendum on agenda

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fiscal year 2004-05 the tax rate will be \$1.32 per \$100 valuation. It is \$1.22 now.

Block presented his statistics on school needs and costs at Tuesday's council workshop when little time was spent on the library referendum. However, Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that Ed Schrock, Friends of the Library chairman, is

"encouraging us to move along with the library. I don't want to let the library fall off the table."

She also noted that there is a connection between the schools and the libraries.

"It is clear," she said, "that education depends on both."

She also said that the library board, headed by Betty Bridges, is most comfortable with the option that would result in a 4.3-cent tax increase and would cover the construction backlog for the Princess Anne and Green Run/Salem libraries, the modernization of Windsor Woods, Great Neck, Pungo/Blackwater, Central Library, and Kempsville libraries and provide for improved services and Sunday hours at all locations.

The referendum question for schools that would appear on the Nov. 4 ballot is being prepared by the city's legal staff in cooperation with school officials and two representatives of city council, W. W. Harrison Jr. and Nancy Parker.

Harrison and Parker also will work on the question for the library referendum. Changes, of

course, can be made by council on Tuesday.

The proposed school projects are designed to bring the older schools up to parity with the city's prototype schools (Christopher Farms, the planned Lake Ridge and Linkhorn).

The first eight-school program calls for the addition of 47.3 percent square footage, with the average addition of 25,500 square feet. The Cooke School will be demolished and the rebuilt school will have 160 percent square feet more. One-third of the Bayside School will be demolished and 42,000 square feet added.

Classrooms will be enlarged to the approximate size of the Corporate Landing Elementary school sizes.

Seventy-six classrooms, equivalent to two Red Mill Elementary Schools, will be added and the administration areas would be increased to 2.2 times.

Block said that the modernized school standards and amenities will exceed all schools except the most recently constructed. Also, 16 portables (nine at Thalia) will be removed.

Proposed studies expand the program to middle schools — four are included in the third group of eight although there is no prototype for a middle school.

The tax impact of improving the 24 schools would be eight cents.

With a standard of parity set, Block said that improvements to the schools would be continuing. The city has 54 schools of which

only four to six are prototype schools which leaves room for improvement in all the others. Block said he expects an ongoing program beyond the 24 schools.

Harrison said that he didn't like to have the city pay for studies with long-term debt. He is interested in wording the question so that the citizens know that although their schools are not included in the first phase, they will be in future phases.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley also pointed out that the prototypes would be changing, that what the city is doing for one, it should do for all. She also said that folks are not going to be willing to wait for 12 years for 24 schools.

The depressing part is, said councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn, that it is a continuing scenario. She said that more help is needed from the state, which contributes nothing toward school construction now.

Speaking of the financial dilemma facing the city, City Manager James K. Spore said that the issue impacts every other city in the state. The school systems are facing a crushing cost of school construction, according to the Virginia Municipal League Report, and \$11.5 billion in capital funds are needed with no help coming from the state. The vast majority of local debt, according to the article, can't be met, and even if some localities doubled their debt it still will not be sufficient to meet the needs.

## Plan emphasizes space

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that there are ways the property owners can do well for themselves. "Our job is changing; we need to go to them."

Branch said that he would look at smaller parcels of land as well.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn brought up projects, such as the regional airport in Norfolk and the third crossing of Hampton Roads, which will be beneficial to the Beach but are not within the corporate limits of the city.

Councilman John A. Baum also noted the sometimes unwelcome interference from state and federal agencies.

It is the first plan in the city's history drafted while it is not the fastest growing city in the state, so it is not a growth control plan.

It is a quality development plan-citizens have indicated they want a higher level of quality in the city's physical environment.

It identifies new tools needed to achieve this quality defined in the plan as the elements in the city that respond to the needs of all the community, that present a long-range rather than a short-range response to the needs of the community, and evoke a positive image of Virginia Beach.

It is grounded in the basic philosophy of how we wish to improve the city-past plans have attempted to incorporate in one document each element of philosophy regarding intentions for the future.

Scott said the plan needs to be relatively predictable, but also flexible.

He said that the plan is different from other plans in that it represents the thinking of the city staff as a whole, not just the planning staff and the planning commission and relied on a variety of sources — the destination points delineated at city council retreats, the city's six building blocks, 17 public workshops and four hearings, and daily business.

Scott said that the intention is to build a city people want to call home.

Generally, people are in favor of the low density pattern in the city, the retention of the rural character in the south, the retention of the Green Line, and the retention of a single transition area south of the Green Line instead of three.

The Planning Commission, he said, has recommended a closer study of the corridor of the proposed light rail system.

The plan identifies four areas

that should accommodate economic development: Pembroke, Hilltop, Lynnhaven Parkway and Oceana West.

Scott said that the city faces different challenges than it did in the '80s and needs different tools.

He said the city needs to develop relationships and partnerships with the private sector and needs to be aggressive about city issues.

He said that the Green Line, created by City Council in 1979, was the single most effective land use tool so far.

Efforts should be directed, he said, not toward new building, but to improving what's there.

Henley said that the city needs to look at redevelopment — the formation of a redevelopment and

housing authority with voter approval was also included in the plan.

With housing stock getting older, Scott said, more investments need to be made in the neighborhoods. He suggested finding someone to build homes on vacant lots in older areas.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that residents in the more densely populated areas of the city don't want any more density, but that the plan talks about more density needed to support public transportation.

"How are you going to explain that other (sections of the city) are protected and they're not?"

The emphasis will be that nothing will be done without attention to quality, Scott said.

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The "Banners" ad ran in newspapers and magazines in cities in the Northeastern U.S. The BCF and M creative team

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In addition to appearing in the Regional Design Annual, all three entries will also receive

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Arts

New brochures announcing the 50th anniversary season of the Little Theater of Virginia Beach are now available. Call 425-0639 for more information.

### Clubs

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will begin its year with a garden party at the home of Mark and Carol Simons, 167 Pinewood Rd. on Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Southside Community Action Team will meet Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

The Retired Officers Wives Society of Tidewater will hold their September luncheon at Breezy Point Officers Club on Thursday, Sept. 11. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$11. The program will be "Liberty Call, Liberty Call" provided by The Doorway Singers. For reservations call 464-4160 or 495-7516. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Monday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Gwen Elmore, president of Fun Tours, will speak on "Traveling for Fun." Prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Call 426-2302 or 427-5642 for more information.

### Education

Orientation for new students will be held at Old Donation Center, 1008 Ferry Plantation Rd., from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sept. 3-4.

Kindermusic classes for children aged 18 months through 5 1/2 years will be offered in three locations in Virginia Beach beginning Sept. 15. Classes include singing, movement, listening and playing simple rhythm instruments.

At age 5, writing and reading music, introduction to the instruments of the orchestra, and music of other cultures are also included.

For more information about locations, class schedules and registration, call Carol Manuel, 424-3962.

# Court Day: judicious entertainment

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Baker went on to illustrate, "You had the clerk of courts to take care of your wills, record your land deeds and collect taxes. They were doing the same things that were done in Jamestown," she said.

"The clerk of the court was a very important person," according to Baker. "When they received their position, it was for life," she added.

For the future, the county court system also supplied a vehicle for "extending a uniform system of justice and government" in the Old Dominion. It became the foundation for local government.

Although county courts were invested in 1634, there was still the matter of establishing the county seats and erecting those courthouses that were authorized.

Until that could be accomplished, prominent local planters such as Capt. Adam Thoroughgood held court on their plantations and in their parlors. People from all over the county came on court day for various reasons: to buy and sell livestock, take care of their legal business, enjoy the company of their neighbors, and catch up on county gossip.

On May 15, 1637, Capt. Thoroughgood extended his hospitality, his home and its grounds to friends and neighbors from all over the county.

While Thoroughgood and other prominent planters presided over legal matters

and discussed their immediate concerns, Sarah — his wife — tended to the populace gathered on her green. Sarah saw to "entertainments" and chatted with her friends, presumably sampling the latest "news" from all over Norfolk County.

It was probably "the" social event of the season. Any who was anyone in the county presumably was present.

Thoroughgood's 20th-century "friends" and "neighbors" were able to savor a similar encounter with the 17th century. Saturday's guests could sample period refreshments, take part in lawsuits, exchange "receipts," overhear gossip, and participate in period games.

In fact, Thoroughgood's 20th-century guests could have become involved in just about any typical 17th century activity — with the notable exception of either buying or selling livestock.

Children as well as adults were offered an opportunity to try their skill at various children's games from the 17th century. Among the diversions were the cup and ball toss, hoop and stick, spinning tops and the ever fascinating Jacob's ladder. And any youngster who "felt lucky" could try the wooden dice.

While visiting children played games or undertook instruction in the many art of fencing, most adults were involved in other matters of more mature interest. Many parents hauled their children into the county court session, doubtlessly as preventive



**FUN AND GAMES.** Historic interpreter Jennifer McArdle tries her hand at the old cup and ball game.



**LIFE TERM.** The clerk of the court, portrayed by William Balderson, was a very important person in Colonial America. He was appointed for life.

strategy.

Inside the Thoroughgood House, guests could actually become involved in a typical county court session which was held in the north parlor. Cases of civic complaint, slander and tax evasion were on the day's docket.

Guests of the Thoroughgood House interacted with court officers and other visitors in typical 17th-century litigation. The sheriff was present to maintain order, the justice of the peace presided, and the clerk of the court recorded what transpired.

Tours of the south end of the house where food preparation and cooking were done were

also available.

A young man with an interest in gaming roamed the lawn shuffling a deck of cards. Few appeared interested in the business that he apparently had in mind.

A Mrs. Tooker sat in the shade of a large magnolia tree in the Thoroughgood's English garden.

Her business, so she claimed, was purely social. "I'm just here for the society," she insisted.

Even Grace Sherwood, the alleged Witch of Pungo made an appearance. She was seen picking rosemary and carrying a small basket containing a number of curiosities — among them a stoppered witch bottle filled with nails and pins.

From time to time, Grace would take a visitor or two aside to share segments of her ordeal with them.

"If anybody will listen to me, I'll tell 'em there ain't no justice in them courts," said Sherwood bitterly. "They need to know. They need to know my story," she insisted.

Perhaps in an effort to gain sympathy, she complained that her neighbors said "terrible things about me and accused me of awful witchcraft, magic,

casting spells."

She maintained, "Of course, it was all lies." But she added with a scowl, "If you choose to believe them, that's your business."

After seven years in prison, Grace claimed that she was pardoned by the Royal Governor himself.

Asked about the cause of her troubles, Sherwood had some very strong opinions. "You may see me as a wrinkled old crone, but in my day I turned the head of many a man. It was jealousy in part!" she contended.

A young seamstress roamed the grounds selling ribbons and "receipts" but made gifts of ginger snaps and shrewsbury cakes to Thoroughgood guests.

After 20th-century visitors toured the Thoroughgood house, participated in a court session, sampled period entertainments, witnessed a sword fight, talked with 17th century guests, and questioned interpreters, they certainly developed a sense of what court day in 17th-century Norfolk County was like.

Perhaps that's exactly what the Thoroughgood House manager Roberta Whisman had in mind in putting together the 17th-Century Court Day Program. She seemed very pleased with the outcome.



**EN GUARD!** Seventeenth-century swordsmen Charles Stayton and Anastasia Berke kept young Adam Thoroughgood House visitors alert during Court Days.

## Exhibit explores home's evolution

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priorities they later became. The children slept in crowded, low-ceiling upstairs rooms "because children at that time didn't spend much time in their bedrooms, they probably only went in there to sleep," Reed said.

The desire for natural light and fresh air was sacrificed because glass for the window panes was very expensive, and the house lacked the imposing back porch that was added later.

The Land family owned the house until 1819, when Francis Land VI died without a male heir. Court records show that the estate was divided between his two daughters, Mary and Anne. Mary, who was already married to John Walke, received the house and 300 acres. Anne inherited the remaining 389 acres which she later sold to her sister and the entire plantation became Walke property.

A series of families owned the house during the 19th-century, and in 1912 it entered its third reincarnation, the "Sheets and DeFrees" period, named for two dairy farming families that lived in the house until the mid-20th century.

By the time these dairy farmers bought the property in 1912, the original plantation had dwindled to about 60 acres, and this land was bisected when Route 58 was built in the 1920s.

"Half of the land was across what is now Virginia Beach Boulevard, and this required the farmers to move their equipment

back and forth across the road," Reed said.

"They didn't want to do that so they sold that land" and were left with only about 30 acres. Still, photographs from that era depict a prosperous farm family and a house that reflected changing tastes.

It was during this period of time, Reed said, that the most drastic changes were probably made to both the interior and

**"The walls were probably whitewashed, but the woodwork would have been painted. In the dining room it was probably a light blue, like a Prussian blue."**

Mark Reed, curator

exterior of the house. New windows were added, the ceiling was raised to make room for full-sized bedrooms and a long back porch was added.

Running water was also installed in 1927, and a portion of the back porch was enclosed to make a kitchen during the 1940s. The interior stairway may have been moved slightly when the roof was raised.

Outbuildings, including a barn, silo and possibly a garage apartment were also built at some point and still remained on the property at least until 1970 "when an aerial shot shows the still undeveloped 35 acres" and these outbuildings, Reed said.

Some members of the DeFrees family still live locally, and they loaned many of the pictures for the exhibit, "but unfortunately there were no interior pictures taken so we don't know much about what the interior looked like during this period," Reed said.

The museum staff does know that owners Colin and Mary Studds converted the upstairs into living quarters complete with a kitchen and bathroom after they bought the house in 1954.

The Studds family ran Rose Hall Dress Shops in the downstairs rooms from 1954 to 1974, then sold the property to the city. Pictures from this era show that the house's extensive woodwork had been stripped to reveal the natural wood tones popular during that period and that it was decorated in beige tones.

When the house was converted to a museum in the 1980s, museum staff members faced the task of trying to figure out it looked like, and what color it might have been painted when the Land family lived there.

"We had to search for little remnants of paint in nooks and crannies," Reed said.

During a restoration project, workers found debris behind an interior wall that included shreds

of a newspaper and wallpaper, rusty nails and paint chips that staff members believe were part of the original paint. These chips and the drippings on the back of wood provide about the only clues to the colors originally used in the house.

"The walls were probably whitewashed," Reed said, "but the woodwork would have been painted. In the dining room it was probably a light blue, like a Prussian blue, the passage would have been Spanish brown and in other areas we just used colors that would have been typical of that era."

The present-day museum opened in 1986, but research continues into the architectural changes that have been made and, so far, not a lot of renovation work has been done, Reed said. "We're proceeding slowly because we don't want to do anything that we're not sure of or anything that can't be undone."

Foster, who also organized the recent exhibit featuring clothes and pictures from the Rose Hall period, relied on newspaper clippings, advertisements, court records and the construction debris for this project. These artifacts are all part of the exhibit but it's the old photographs of the house and yard, complete with kids, cows and cars that seem to fascinate the visitors the most, Reed said.

"People are fascinated by seeing these older pictures," he said. "They lead them to visualize how the house must have looked in the early 20th century."



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# Invaluable work force gets paid nothing — and loves it!

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

First Landing/Seashore State Park, the Francis Land House, the Virginia Marine Science Museum, public libraries, and city schools and hospitals are just some of many organizations in Virginia Beach using the time and talents of volunteers.

They range in age from 14 to whatever age a person might still have time and talents to give.

They may bring experience with them — or come simply to gain some.

They come to work and expect no pay for the work they do for the benefit of residents of Virginia Beach.

Many of these volunteers are recent and relatively short-term residents stationed at one of the many military installations in the area.

When they want to help, they turn to the Virginia Beach Volunteer Council for direction. It acts as "a clearinghouse for all the departments in the city that have need for volunteers," according to coordinator Mary Russo the Volunteer Coordinator of the Council.

Military liaison Judy Bryant is herself a military spouse.

Her work involves contacting military families to make them aware of volunteer opportunities in the city and to provide support to departments looking to fill their jobs.

Frequently, branches of the military are involved in large community projects like Paint Your Heart Out, a regional project started by the Chesapeake Rotary Club to assist low-income elderly in meeting maintenance requirements for their homes.

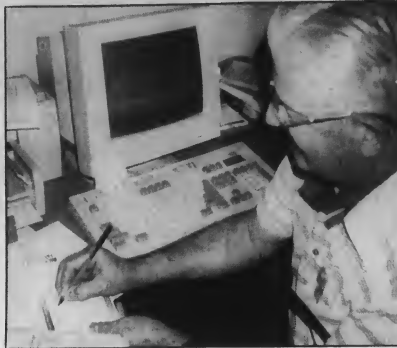
According to Jim Wood, a contractor involved, 70 houses in Hampton Roads were painted, five of them were in Virginia Beach.

This year Woods said the goal is to paint 20 in the resort city. Bryant helps to connect the organizations sponsoring these projects with military volunteers.

"I try to highlight the correct command or neighborhood who might be interested in helping with specific volunteer projects," she credits her husband with some of the volunteer spirit too.

He helps her know who to call when looking for volunteers for community projects. Bryant lists her reasons for volunteering.

"The reason I specifically



**RACKING UP THE HOURS.** John Peterson, a military retiree, lends his computer expertise at the Virginia Beach Volunteer Council office.

"volunteer" is that I feel it's important to participate and give something back to the community where we're living."

She adds that volunteering is a good way to make friends, and keep skills in tune.

In the same office at City Hall is another volunteer, John Peterson, a retired Navy surface warfare officer. In his job as a computer scientist, he is upgrading the computer software which keeps track of volunteers, scheduling, jobs available and numbers of hours.

Peterson's reasons for volunteering center around keeping busy, but he says "to a degree it keeps me current and is an intellectual challenge."

Military service members and their families are not only doing administrative and computer work.

At the Francis Land House, a living history museum with costumed interpreters and demonstrations of Colonial life skills, 16-year-old military dependent Jessica Shelton, has worked for more than a year. Her

duties began as a fulfillment of a graduation requirement of 80 hours of community service.

Shelton is quick to add, "It's really fun, I like history, and I'm really happy that I'm working there."

When Shelton started she was teamed with someone who "knew what they were doing," since she did not come to the museum with all the skills demonstrated there.

Shelton describes her duties as working at different stations showing and explaining what life was like in colonial times. "I get to dress up like a colonial person when I do it."

At First Landing/Seashore State Park there are a number of volunteers, some military.

According to Diane Floyd, probation supervisor, volunteers "supervise kids ordered to do community service," for less serious first-time offenses. She said volunteers feel it's rewarding for volunteers to "see kids give back to the community."

The Virginia Marine Science Museum also has military volunteers. One is Damian Zambrana, an instructor for intermediate maintenance of the F-14 jet engine for the U.S. Navy. His job title is volunteer docent at the Norfolk Canyon Aquarium and his duties include interpreting the shark exhibit for guests.

"I always liked the exhibits and with the job I have now, I have time to volunteer," he said.

Zambrana believes it's important to keep the Chesapeake bay as "pristine as possible" and that the museum helps people realize what they have and educate them about it.

Pam Young, an electronics technician in the Navy, also volunteers at the Marine Science Museum. She is a docent with the dolphin and whale watching expeditions, doing everything from taking calls for reservations to going out on the boat with guests and sharing information about whales and dolphins.

She enjoys talking to the kids making them aware of the impact people have on the environment. She spoke enthusiastically of the Navy's support of community involvement of service personnel in this and other settings. "I think it's really great they allow us to do that."

If interested in a volunteer position, whether you are a military service member or civilian, call 427-4157.



**"4MAT" LEARNING CYCLE.** Independence Middle School teachers took a hands-on approach to this new style of learning during a special workshop over the summer. Pictured, from left, are Ivey Wroton, Lynn Coates and Joyce Knight.

## Independence educators adapt to newest '4MAT'

By Betty B. Allen  
School Correspondent

Teachers from Independence Middle School were not just having fun and games for themselves this summer. They were busy learning fun and games that would help them in teaching the students assigned to them.

All teachers attended a workshop to learn how to "4MAT." But what is 4MAT?

It's definitely not a wrestling hold to put students in to motivate them to learn. It is a plan for teaching that takes into consideration every learning style as well as left/right brain preferences for learning.

The goal is for all students (no matter what learning style or brain preference) to become independent learners who will be able to function well in all learning situations.

In order for teachers to understand how to create lesson plans in this manner they had to first understand what learning style they themselves were as well as what brain preference. It is said that most teachers tend to teach normally in the same

style that they learn.

After the teachers were presented with activities that helped them determine which style they were, they began to understand that the whole cycle of learning is important for all students in the learning process.

Through a series of activities the workshop was culminated with the teachers writing unit plans that could be used this fall. Each plan utilized the 4MAT model and thus accommodates all learners in all learning environments.

Lorna Robinson, secondary English coordinator of Virginia Beach City Schools, directed the workshops. There will be one more workshop at Bayside High School this week for teachers from Bayside High and Independence Middle School. At the conclusion of this workshop all faculty at Bayside High and Independence Middle will have been trained in the 4MAT Learning Cycle System.

The 4MAT Learning Cycle was created by Dr. Bernice McCarthy, founder and president of Excel.



**GIVING BACK.** Military spouse Jude Bryant is military liaison at the Virginia Beach Volunteer Council. When the armed forces station folks in Hampton Roads, she said, individuals want to get involved in the community by volunteering.



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## Wesleyan plans 12-week musicianship course

The Center for Sacred Music at Virginia Wesleyan College will offer 12-week musicianship classes at 6:30 p.m. and a 10-week class in church music history at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 9 in the Fine Arts Building on the campus.

The one-hour musicianship classes, with instruction offered at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, will provide training in sight-singing, interval training, key signatures, rhythmic exercises and all one needs to know to understand everything on a page of music. Fees are \$35 for instruction, plus a \$7.50 text.

Registration is now being accepted for the Virginia Wesleyan Community Chorus which begins its season Sept. 9. The non-auditioned chorus meets at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings on the campus. The participation fee is \$35 per semester. A discount is offered for those who also take the musicianship classes.

The church music history course is part of the Church Music Certificate program, but is open to the public. There are no prerequisites. Four CEUs are offered. Tuition is \$220, plus text.

To register or for more details, call The Center for Sacred Music, 455-3376.

The Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus will hold auditions on Saturday, Sept. 13 between 10 a.m. and noon on the campus. The auditioned chorus of singers, ages 8 to 16, is under the direction of Karen Glosser and meets Tuesday evenings. Tuition is \$280 per year, plus music fee and uniform. Glosser also directs the Young Women at Wesleyan chorus which is currently holding auditions for women ages 17 to 22 years old. The group meets Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. on campus. The Young Women at Wesleyan's season begins on Sept. 9.

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Serial: 1GA41353EFD428045  
Auction Date: 09/11/97  
Time: 11:00 a.m. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.  
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### Public Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF UNION  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jane and John Doe, Plaintiffs, vs.  
Barbara Jennings, Thomas Jennings and Guinevere J., a female, caucasian born on November 23, 1987 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Alexandria J., a female caucasian born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia, and Alisha J., a female caucasian born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Defendants

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS  
79-DR-44-177  
TO: DEFENDANTS BARBARA JENNINGS and THOMAS JENNINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Union County on April 22, 1997 and in this Complaint you are alleged to be the mother and father of a caucasian female child born on November 23, 1987 Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a caucasian female child born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia and a female child born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notices are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 79-DR-44-177.

3. That if Notice of Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond in this action, you must notify the above named Court at the Union County Courthouse, Union South Carolina and James Fletcher Thompson, Attorney for the Plaintiffs, whose address is 302 East St. John Street, Post Office Box 1853, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any changes of your address during the adoption proceedings.

4. That your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your Consent to the adoption and the forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above named children. Further, the Plaintiff request the termination of your parental rights pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 20-7-1572 (1) (2) (3) (4) and (6).

This notice is given pursuant to Section 20-7-1734, (c) of the Law. Co-Op. Supp. 1994.

JAMES FLETCHER THOMPSON

Attorney for the Plaintiffs

THOMPSON, SINCLAIR & ANDERSON

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(864) 573-7575

July 17, 1997

Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, on Tuesday, September 9, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH 1. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend the boundaries of the Princess Anne County Courthouse Historic and Cultural Overlay District, as follows: Delete the Historic and Cultural Overlay District from the following parcels:

GPIN 1494 64 2494 0000, 1-acre more or less located at 2641 Princess Anne Road;  
GPIN 1494 64 1457 0000, 9.867 acres located at 2641 Princess Anne Road;  
GPIN 1494 54 9202 0000, 1.320 acres located 620 feet more or less west of Princess Anne Road and 650 feet more or less north of Judicial Blvd.,  
GPIN 1494 54 4151 0000, 3 acres located at 2673 Princess Anne Road;  
GPIN 1494 53 5782 0000, 16.682 acres located at 2673 Princess Anne Road;

Delete the Historic and Cultural Overlay District from a portion of the following parcels:  
GPIN 1494 34 1160 0000, 414.305 acres located north of North Landing Road and west of Princess Anne Road.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Shear Designs, Patricia J. Cannon for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on the east side of General Booth Boulevard, south of Las Cruces Drive. The proposed zoning classification change is conditional B-1 for neighborhood business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1990 General Booth Boulevard and contains 16,552.8 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater United Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a caucasian female child born on the south side of North Landing Road, 800 feet more or less east of West Neck Road, and the east side of West Neck Road, approximately 930 feet south of North Landing Road. Said parcel contains 10.66 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of The Beach Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for parking lot addition for an existing church on the west side of General Booth Boulevard, north of Gunn Hall Road. Said parcel is located at 1817 General Booth Boulevard and contains 3.92 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of PrimeCo Personal Communications, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole communication tower on the west side of Sandbridge Road, northeast of Colechester Road. Property is bounded on the east of Sandbridge Road and on the west by Hells Point Creek. Said parcel contains 73.8 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION TO LAND USE PLAN:

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH 6. An Ordinance upon Application of Baia Development Company, LLC, for a Modification to the Green Run Land Use Plan on the south side of Buckner Boulevard, 400 feet more or less east of Independence Boulevard for the purpose of modifying the submitted site plan dated June 27, 1996 and developing the outparcel designated "future development area" which is a portion of Parcel "H" Green Run PUD. Said parcel contains 7.75 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAB City Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday,

September 10, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of The Dragas Companies, a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.2-2.78 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Albert N. & Diana H. Jensen for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 640.3 feet south of Jackson Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1 acre. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Windsor Oaks West, Parcel 2 L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shoreline Court. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-

family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail/service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.579 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agriculture use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Conditional Use Permit for a boat storage facility and commercial marina on certain property located on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Craig A. Rosenberg for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile repair and sales on the west side of S. Lynnhaven Road north of Ole Towne Lane. Said parcel is located at 851 S. Lynnhaven Road and contains 14,984.6 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Linda T. Chappell for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational and amusement facility of an outdoor nature on the south side of Dam Neck Road, west of London Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2599 Dam Neck Road and contains 20 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Christ Episcopal Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Holland Road, 280 feet more or less east of Buym Farm Road. Said parcel contains 4.707 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Iolysa Schwab for a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation (family day care) on Lot 44, Block B. Windsor Oaks West, Section 1, Part 2. Said parcel is located at 617 N. Piping Rock Road and contains 9807 square feet more or less. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Woodstock Point Assoc., L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock on certain property located at the northern extremity of Woodstock Road. Said parcel contains 5.57 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Baptist Extension Board, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and Round Hill Drive. Said parcel contains 6.239 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of East Coast Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the west side of Indian River Road, north of the intersection with Indian Lakes Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 5149 Indian River Road and contains 3.4 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Hall Tidewater Ltd. Partnership for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service on the north

side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 160 feet west of Cranston Lane. Said parcel is located at 3216 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 32,400 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Ralph Knapp for a contractor's storage yard on the east side of Central Drive on Lot 27C, London Bridge Industrial Park, II, Phase One. Said parcel contains 1.7 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

15. Application of Asher Properties, a Virginia General Partnership, for a modification to a conditional use permit for an automobile repair establishment (grease monkey quick lube), granted December 12, 1988. Property is located at 2841 Virginia Beach Boulevard. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

16. Ordinance to amend Sections 111, 401 and 501 of the City Zoning Ordinance and to add Section 507 by allowing flex suites in all single-family residential zoning districts and providing safeguards for their use.

STREET CLOSURE:

17. Application of LADM Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company, Lena Sanclio and Contractor's Paving Company, Inc., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Avenue E beginning at a point 337.93 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 89.85 feet to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. Said parcel contains 30,094 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 8/19/97:

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Boss Daniel Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to A-36 Apartment District on certain property located on the west side of Village Drive beginning at a point 430.25 feet south of Laskin Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-36 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Boss Daniel Corp., for a Conditional Use Permit for apartments for the elderly on certain property located on the west side of Village Drive, 430.25 feet south of Laskin Road. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

20. Motion of the Planning Commission of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and reordinance Section 22 (A) of the Site Plan Ordinance

pertaining to site plan review for fill operations.

21. Application of Charley Bradley for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Broad Bay Drive beginning at the northern boundary of Long Creek Drive and running in a northerly direction to the southern boundary of Long Creek. Said parcel contains 4,938 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of C&C Development, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Newtown Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business/research center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.04 acres.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Kempsville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4,9147 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single Family District to Conditional -A-12. Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Witchduck Ct., beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Witchduck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this property for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 527 N. Witchduck Road and contains 1 acre. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott

Planning Director

Copies of all the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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## Art center welcomes three to its staff

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia has announced the addition of three new staff members — Barbara Peck, director of corporate and foundation relations for Old Dominion University. She has also directed the development efforts of arts organizations and other non-profit groups, among them the Virginia Stage Company and the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater.

Hanzal comes the region from Washington, D.C., where she was deputy director and curator of exhibitions at the International Sculpture Center. She has coordinated exhibitions in the U.S., Italy and Japan and has served as a consultant on many private and public arts projects,

including an in-depth study on the National Endowment for the Arts for the U.S. Congress in 1990. Hanzal holds a master's degree in arts administration from American University.

Before joining the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Ketchum worked in the development department of the Contemporary Arts Center of Cincinnati. Ketchum is a recent graduate of the University of Cincinnati, with an master's degree in arts administration.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is a non-profit, non-collecting institution that exists to foster awareness, exploration and understanding of the significant art of our time. Through excellence and diversity in its exhibitions and educational programming, the center stimulates individual thinking and dialogue throughout the community.

## Kempsville band parent earns special recognition

Phillip Goodman of Virginia Beach, a representative with Prudential's Greater Old Dominion Division, has received a Prudential Community Champions Shining Star Award of \$1,000 for the Kempsville High School Virginia Beach City Public School-Kempsville High School Band Parents Association.

The Prudential Community Champions Awards program, administered by the company's Local Initiatives Division, is recognizing 523 Prudential

employees and retirees who excel in volunteer commitment, leadership and service in their communities. The Prudential Foundation is providing \$472,000 in grants to the organizations in which these associates volunteer.

Goodman volunteers as chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee for the Kempsville High School Band Parents Association, supporting the high school's marching and jazz bands, and provides support for all band-related activities.

## Young reporters have 'write' stuff

By Betty E. Allen  
School Correspondent

More than 160 excited students and advisors attended the 13th Annual Publications' Workshop at Salem Middle School this summer. Students attending represented their school's newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine. The workshop was the brainchild of Michael W. Porter 13 years ago and has been held every July.

Specialists are brought in every year to train students in various aspects of their publication. Students leave the workshop every year better prepared to make outstanding contributions to the various publications in their schools.

Newspaper students learn how to write interview questions, do interviews and then write the story. After practicing these skills on Porter, they went through the entire process in preparation for interviewing Don Roberts of WAVY-TV.

At the end of the "press conference" students were instructed to write their news article at home and give it to the "editors" the next morning. Marie R. Harris, newspaper advisor at George Washington



**FUTURE JOURNALISTS.** Virginia Beach students got a close-up look at the world of communications with the help of WAVY-TV anchorman Don Roberts. Pictured, from left, are: Nicole Hannans, Tallwood High School; Doug Ripley, Independence Middle School; Roberts; Mindy Bramble, Landstown Middle School; Britany Burygane, Kempsville Middle School; Candace Allen, Cox High School; and, Rebecca Shames, Kempsville High School.

High School in Danville and Crystal Lane, advisor from Gibson Middle School in Danville were the instructors and editors for this part of the workshop.

Three certificates for the best news articles were awarded to the middle school participants

and five to high school participants. Independence Middle School students won all three awards: Kate Rutecki, seventh grader returning for her second year on the "Eagle's Eye" staff; Jason Rowland, eighth grader, a novice on the staff; and, Doug Ripley, eighth

grader, a novice on the staff. In addition to these students, Nick Fiaschi, editor of the "Eagle's Eye" for the last two years, was presented a first place award in the high school division. He will be working on the Princess Anne High School newspaper in the coming year.

## Auto-tech program gets certified

The Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) has been certified in engine repair, brakes, suspension and steering, electricity and electronics and engine performance.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the school's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by the National Automotive Technicians Education

Foundation (NATEF). Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used.

"This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents," said Chuck Groves, NATEF chairman. "Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. And as a result of the quality education provided by this technical center, the monitoring public will benefit since better repair technicians will join the work force."

Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that the Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national, non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive/auto body training programs.

Bill Moosha, principal of the Technical and Career Education Center, added, "During this process, we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet strict industry standards. And now we are delighted to join the ranks of the ASE certified programs. Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants."

### — Home Improvement —

## Revive aluminum siding

More and more, savvy homeowners are opting to paint their worn and weathered aluminum siding rather than replace it.

Simple economics plays a major role in many of these decisions: Properly done, the thousands of dollars saved by simply painting the siding can be used for other expenses — or for investment.

It's a smart money move, since aluminum siding panels that are in need of paint are often perfectly sound and serviceable beneath their worn factory finish.

If you are thinking about stretching the life of your aluminum siding with a fresh coat of paint, or if you just want to change the color, here are some tips.

The most common sign that aluminum siding is in need of a paint job is heavy "chalking," whereby the coating on the panels erodes — leading to

color fading, loss of sheen, rundown over the surfaces, and diminished protection for the panels.

(Run your hand over the surface of a panel; if you pick up "chalk" on your hand, the erosion process is well under way.)

In extreme cases, the bare metal may have exposed areas, inviting formation of unsightly white oxidation.

Before attempting to paint aluminum siding, it is essential that the surface of the panels be properly prepared, according to experts at the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute.

If surface oxidation is present, it must be completely removed by careful, light rubbing with steel wool.

Next, check for mildew, especially in areas that remain shaded or damp much of the time. If you see the telltale

brown or black blotches, remove them by scrubbing with a bleach solution (one part bleach to three parts water).

Follow these procedures by power-washing the surface, or vigorously scrubbing it with warm, soapy water, and then rinsing.

The object is to free the siding of all chalk, loose paint, dust, dirt and bleach solution. A completely clean surface will allow the paint to adhere better.

Use a quality metal primer to spot prime areas where bare aluminum is exposed, and allow the primer to dry completely before applying the topcoat.

The Paint Quality Institute recommends that you use only top quality acrylic latex paint when painting aluminum siding.

This type of paint offers much better adhesion than ordinary paint, so it will produce a more durable, longer-lasting paint job.

Top quality acrylic latex paints have excellent resistance to chalking and fading. And special additives in the paint help keep mildew from forming.

What's more, these paints are formulated to spread easily and form a thick, uniform protective film, which "levels"



**CHECK IT OUT.** Before ripping down the old siding consider using a fresh coat of paint instead.

well to help duplicate the original appearance of the siding, whether it be smooth or textured aluminum.

(For a "factory-appearing" finish, consider applying the paint with airless spray painting equipment.)

So, before you decide to rip

down and replace your old siding, consider whether or not a fresh coat of paint would look just as good. And consider the potential cost savings, also.

For more advice on the subject, ask for help at your local paint store, hardware store or decorating center.

## Decorate home like a pro

Decorating an entire house, remodeling a single room or simply refurbishing a small hallway is exciting, but can be intimidating for first-time decorators.

Yet, there's really no

mystery in choosing the right wallpapers, fabrics, floor coverings, window treatments and accessories. Just borrow a few ideas from professional decorators:

■ First, look closely at model homes and rooms to decide specifically what pleases you. Is it the colors? The drama of wallpaper? The grouping of the furniture? Figure out what you think works and what does not.

■ Retail stores often have booklets or brochures that you can add to your clip file. And retailers are a good source of information, advice and ideas.

■ Use graph paper to make a rough sketch of your room to experiment with different ways of placing furniture. Precise measurements aren't as important as the general idea.

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## Academy lauds Bayside doctor for service

The Virginia Academy of Family Physicians has presented Sentara Bayside Family Practice physician Dr. William B. Warden the prestigious 1997 Family Physician of the Year Award.

The honor is bestowed annually upon a Virginia Family Physician who exemplifies the society's standards of unparalleled commitment to patients, family and community and outstanding medical skills and service.

Warden's award caps a long and distinguished career of medical and military service. He has been in practice in Virginia Beach for 28 years, including serving as president of staff at Sentara Bayside Hospital, president of the Virginia Beach Academy of Family Physicians and an associate professor of clinical and community medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School. His military honors include the Purple Heart and Bronze Stars for his service as a battalion surgeon and clearing company commander during Vietnam.

## Hold onto your hat

What will the fall hurricane season bring to Virginia Beach? Visit the Old Coast Guard Station, 24th Street and Atlantic Ave. and see what past storms have done to coastal Virginia. "Hold On To Your Hats" is an exhibit of photos and information on Virginia storms starting Tuesday and running through Nov. 2. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for military and senior citizens and \$1 for children aged 6 to 18. Museum members receive free admission.

## Mark 'em

Now that the kids are back in school, Pembroke Mall will host the first Project Kidcare on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The event features free finger printing and safety tips by the Virginia Beach D.A.R.E. program. Free photograph identification kits of children will be offered by Ritx Camera. The fingerprints and photos can be stored by parents in a safe place in case they are needed for identification in a future emergency. Call 497-6255 for more information.

## Choo choo!

The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association will hold its Eighth Annual Tidewater Model Train Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4-5, at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. The show will feature operating N-Scale, HO, O-Gauge (Lionel) and LGB layouts in addition to the sale of model railroad equipment, tools, videotapes, books, photos and railroad memorabilia. Admission is \$3 for adults. For more information, call Steve Prescott, 482-2811.

## Dolphin watch

Sponsored by the Virginia Marine Science Museum, dolphin watch boat trips continue through September. A rare chance to see wild dolphins in their natural habitat, participants are able to observe the dolphins as they feed, dive and leap from the water in acrobatic displays. New dates and times for the dolphin watch trips are Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. Prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 437-BOAT (2628).

## Business smarts

SCORE Chapter 60, sponsored by the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development, will conduct the workshop "How To Really Start Your Own Business" at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 5655 Greenwich Rd., on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$49 and includes lunch and materials. Attendance is limited to 40 participants. For more information, call SCORE, 441-3733.

## A stitch in time

The Tidewater Sampler Guild's seventh annual juried sampler exhibit will open on Tuesday and run through Friday, Oct. 3 at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach. The exhibit will consist of traditional samplers stitched by members of the guild. Samplers will be judged in several categories. This exhibit is included in the regular admission price of \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens aged 60 and older, \$1.50 for students aged 13 and older and \$1 for children aged 6 to 12. The house is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. Call 431-4000 for more information.

## Whitewater fun

Great Neck Recreation Center is heading for whitewater. A rafting trip, "Falls of the James," is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Depart from Great Neck Recreation Center to Richmond for \$55 per person, which includes transportation, lunch and rafting supplies. This event is open to ages 12 and up with limited space available. Registration deadline is Sept. 26. For reservations and further information, call 496-6766, TDD 471-5839.

## New law program

The American Bar Association Council has approved Regent University School of Law for a part-time, evening law degree program. It is designed to allow a law student to complete the 90-hour juris doctorate degree in four years, as opposed to the current three years. Although the four-year program is year-round, it does permit the law student to work and go to law school in the evening. Regent's new part-time program will make available legal education to many residents of Virginia and North Carolina who otherwise could not take time out from their jobs to go to law school.

The program at Regent University School of Law will begin with the 1998 fall semester.

# No school or library referendums in '97

**Cites more study necessary on ways to meet needs; school vote more likely next year**

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

City Council has voted against having referendums requested by the School Board and the Library Board placed on the Nov. 4 ballot to give the city time to find more cost-effective ways to meet the school and library needs.

A school referendum appears certain in 1998. The ordinance states that council will place before the voters in November 1998 a comprehensive program for the renovation/reconstruction of 18 elementary schools and to take steps needed to accomplish this.

Council's actions Tuesday neither exclude nor commit the city to a library

referendum next year. Council has no argument that the needs are out there.

E. Dean Block, director of management, said that the process has been important because the boards "have brought the issues to a significantly higher level of understanding on city council."

By taking more time now for planning, Block said, the city will not only wind up saving money, but will probably reduce the time it will take to reconstruct and renovate the city's 24 oldest schools from an estimated 12 years to six or seven years.

To voters, council's action means that they will not have to decide this year on a \$62,494,512 general obligation school bond issue which would increase their real estate tax rate by 2.7 cents per \$100 valuation, or a library bond issue that would increase the tax rate by 4.5 cents to pay for construction costs as well as related operational costs to improve the library system.

The school bonds would have provided funds to reconstruct and remodel eight of

the city's oldest schools with additional referendums anticipated for the years 2000 and 2003.

Bringing all 24 schools — four of the schools are middle schools — up to the standards of the city's newest schools would cost approximately \$200 million with projected completion over 12 years, four years for each set of eight schools.

**Council adopted by a 7-4 vote an ordinance establishing a plan for the renovation or reconstruction of certain elementary schools and appropriating funds for the plan.**

By this action, none of the school construction programs will be delayed.

Voting for the ordinance were Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms, and councilmembers Harold Heischberger, Barbara Henley, Nancy Parker, Louisa Strayhorn and Reba McClannan. Voting against the ordinance were councilmembers John A. Baum, Linwood Branch, W.W. Harrison Jr. and Louis R. Jones.

The four dissenters had favored going

ahead with the referendum, but a motion to that effect failed.

The library ordinance approved, also by a 7-4 vote, establishes a plan for the renovation and construction of certain library facilities.

The ordinance directs the city manager to independently review the scope of the proposals received, to make such modifications as are deemed appropriate to insure the fiscal feasibility of the program and to return to the city council within 90 days with a plan and appropriations needed to start design of the renovations to selected existing libraries as well as the preliminary design of a library in the General Booth corridor of the city.

Also, the city manager was directed to initiate actions to cooperatively develop a plan to improve after-hour access to school libraries and the sharing of resources between city and school libraries and to request the school board to offer its full cooperation and support in this effort.

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**Heron Ridge Golf Club ready to get under way**  
**Champion public course will be on par with Hell's Pt.**

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

City Council has entered necessary agreements with Heron Ridge Golf Club and the Williams Holding Company which will enable Heron Ridge to build a "tier 2" golf course on the 202-acre site located off Seaboard Road near West Neck Creek and owned by the Virginia Beach Development Authority.

A minimum of \$4,650,000 will be invested by Heron Ridge in the golf facility.

The project will include an 18-hole championship course of the caliber of Hell's Point, a driving range, practice greens, bunkers and other practice facilities, a clubhouse, maintenance facilities, parking area and related buildings and improvements.

The course will be open to the public and operated year round for daily fee play.

A resident development adjacent to the golf course will consist of 51 20,000-square-foot lots and 57 30,000-square-foot lots but no building permits will be issued until construction of the course begins.



Photo by Richard Yanke



## Sizzling summer!

Carefree summer days drew to a close over the Labor Day weekend with the East Coast's hottest sounds at the American Music Festival. Crowds packed the Virginia Beach oceanfront for four days of concerts provided by local, national and international acts. Business was good for vendors, and The Village People, bottom photo, were a flashback to the disco era. For more pictures and a story, see page 5.



# Benefit rodeo ropes good time

**Children's Hospital fund-raiser next week at Princess Anne Park**

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

It's almost rodeo time in Virginia Beach, and the phone in Gene and Donna Snow's Muddy Creek Road house is ringing off the hook.

If Gene and Donna aren't answering it they're on the road running errands or drumming up publicity for the upcoming event, and Donna's usually up until 3 or 4 a.m. typing the flyers and letters that she had to put off until the evening.

Together, the couple puts in almost 100 hours a week preparing for the

professional rodeo, which is scheduled for Sept. 12-14 at Princess Anne Park.

Their reward comes, they say, when they hear the roaring crowds, see the bucking bulls and, especially "when we see the smiles on the faces of the children" at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

Proceeds from the rodeo are donated to the hospital, and each Friday before the annual event begins the Snows accompany the rodeo stars on a hospital tour.

"It's all worth it when we see the looks on the kids' faces," Gene said.

"Every Friday before the rodeo the rodeo queen and others who are involved in the rodeo tour the hospital. Some of those kids have been in there all of their lives, and sometimes their parents say it's the first time they've smiled in a long time."

Gene, who serves as Rodeo chairman, says he hopes to draw 18,000 spectators to this year's rodeo.

He and other members of the Tidewater Western Rider's Association, which organizes the event, hope that they'll be able to double the \$15,000 they've donated to King's Daughters in previous years.

The event attracts rodeo buffs from out-of-state as well as locals looking for "good, clean alcohol-free family

fun," Gene said, and this year's rodeo includes attractions ranging from professional competition to pony rides and calf-roping for the children.

Sunday, of Kids' Day, will include pony rides, clowns, puppets. Local kids, including the Snow's 5-year-old grandson Christian, will serve as clowns and a special event that will give city kids the chance to try their hand at rounding up a cow.

"We take kids from the audience who pay a \$2 entry fee and let them catch a calf," Gene said. "They get to try to lead them back up to the fence, but of course the secret is that the calf really doesn't want to be led, so the kids have to really pull and tug."

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# Commentary

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### Challenging young minds

The lazy days of summer are again departed as classrooms fill with the anticipation of another year's learning.

For many children, Tuesday was the first step into the world of education. Wonderful books and days of ABC's await their minds, much like a clean chalkboard awaits the day's first lessons. Others, veterans of countless algebra, biology and social studies classes, will begin considering colleges, SATs and life away from their families and friends.

Whether new to the classroom or preparing to exit their alma mater, Hampton Roads' students would do well to know that they have the support of others in their education.

Without question, a parent's involvement in a child's learning is imperative. Parents should help with homework, attend school functions, join the PTA and read with their child. Grandparents and other family members can do the same.

Those without children can also play an active role in shaping the future. Schools are always anxious for volunteers, whether to read to student or help with class projects and a myriad of things in between. Organizations such as the Making A Difference Foundation can use a hand with tutoring and mentoring.

The start of the school year is a challenge not just for children, but adults as well. Helping children learn can be a learning experience for adults as well. — V.E.H.

## FROM THE HOMEFRONT

### Remember those who serve

Calling all patriots! The 1997 Military Mail Campaign is now under way. This year's program continues the efforts begun in 1965 when a group of patriotic Americans joined to form "Vietnam Mail Call" in support of forces in and near Vietnam.

Hampton Roads, home to one of the world's largest military installations, recognizes the invaluable efforts of servicemen and women around the world. G.I.s risk their lives to preserve the ideals of peace, freedom and democracy. In turn, those who benefit would do well to "give back." Military Mail is that opportunity.

Morale-boosting cards and letters from every part of the United States are intermingled, then made up into packages ranging in size from a few to several thousand. Packages are sent priority mail to more than 1,000 locations across the country and around the world. Many thank you letters have been received from chaplains, unit leaders, ships, hospitals and independent morale agencies such as affiliates of the Armed Forces YMCA.

Locally, several individuals, churches, businesses, schools and civic organizations have already heeded the call. Military Mail is also a good class project.

To learn how to take part in this program, send your name, address and a first-class stamp for return postage to: Military Mail, P.O. Box 339, Soldier, Ky., 41173. — V.E.H.

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## The South's most important product

By Larry McGehee  
Guest Columnist

Deceitfulness is a way of life in America, and especially here in the South.

Much of it is harmless. The current fad is for some prankster to set up a complicated scenario, lead an unsuspecting friend through it, and then spring the surprise, usually with an exclamation, "Got 'cha!"

"Got 'cha!" is merely a variant of the older expression, "fooled 'ya" derived from medieval days when courts had jesters called fools. In its purest form, "fooled 'ya" simply means the jester has succeeded in pulling off one of his tricks.

Sometimes, though, "fooled 'ya" means "made a fool of you." We sometimes say things such as, "She made a fool of me" or "I was played for a fool" or "No one like to be made into a fool." In those variations, "fool" gets translated as "stupid," which was not the original meaning.

"Fooling around" is an expression closer to the original jester meaning. It means "having fun with," "harmless play" or "not to be taken seriously." Of course, it is also subject to other meaning. "Fooling around" with someone else's wife is serious cause for marital rifts and mayhem.

People love to play jokes on others. Sociologists and psychologists tell us that this is a way of otherwise-equal people establishing superiority over each other. It is somewhat akin to the lone Indian who charges a whole regiment of cavalry and touches a soldier and then runs away, which is called "counting coup." No one, usually, gets hurt and the perpetrator goes away feeling superior while the victim more often feels admiration for the prankster than personal embarrassment.

If one studies the South's novels and short stories and storytelling, and even its political speeches and sermons and radio commenting, one is struck at how central humor is.

Just as striking as the expansive use of lying and tricking for the sake of fun and self-esteem in the South, is the fact that everyone loves to be tricked and deceived.

William Faulkner's "Spotted Horses," a classic story about a deceptive horse trader who showed up in Mississippi and fooled a whole town, is just plain fun to read. It may be the story that change Faulkner's career, because his early dark Gothic works were soon laced with humor, usually revolving around the unlikely

Snopes clan whom Faulkner could not help admiring for their ingenuity in taking others to the cleaners, even as he reviled them for their crass greed and sloveness.

Mark Twain played with the same sort of humor. He made a literary career out of describing, in books on the lecture circuit, fooling and fools and foolishness. There is a whole race of southern humorists who make Will Rogers or Mark Twain look like docile grandfathers. Think of the humor of Dave Gardner, Jeff Foxworthy, Lewis Grizzard.

But for the most part, what has done as much as pretty weather for the South has been the southern people's ability to hand out and to take a good joke. We can pat ourselves on the back for enduring each other's backslapping jokes.

South men's sense of humor has gotten them through early-day massacres, a Civil War, Reconstruction, a Depression, two world wars and several others, the rise of factories and cities, consolidated schools, pellagra and hookworm, tornadoes and floods and hurricanes, kudzu invasions, possum attacks, and proliferating speed zones and stop lights.

We down-underfolk beneath the Mason-Dixon Line "dish it out" and "learn to take it" right well.

## Sadly, no fairy tale ending

A princess died this week — and with her a little piece of the things that are good and beautiful in this world.

As children, we are raised on stories of fairy tale princesses and their handsome knights, of endings that are "happily ever after."

As we grow older, though, we learn that in this world "happily ever after" are few and far between as we struggle to hold down jobs, pay bills, spend quality time with our families and just "get by."

So when a true fairy tale comes to life — sounds like an oxymoron to me — we each grab for our little piece of it. It is our escape from reality.

Because we in the United States have no "royal family" to call our own, unless you consider the Kennedy dynasty, we turned to England.

The British monarchy, many royal watchers say, were a staid bunch until the light that was Lady Diana Spencer shone its way. "Shy Di," as the press dubbed her, cast a new light on the establishment from the time Charles picked her as his bride-to-be.

The world, including myself, got caught up in the fairy tale romance. I was just 12 at the time, but one must realize that this is the age young girls begin fantasizing about their own "Prince Charming" sweeping them off their feet.

Diana was a role model for young ladies like myself.

At 19, she had that quality of "beedom" while standing just at the threshold of womanhood. She was a lovely English rose to be plucked and taken to the magical palace where, of course, she was expected to live happily ever after.

Through newspapers and magazines I followed the hush-hush wedding arrangements with zeal. Undoubtedly, the wedding would be a magnificent one. But the all-important dress — Diana's gown — would be kept under wraps until the big day.

Mom and I woke up in the wee hours of the morning to watch the wedding on July 29, 1981. It was about 4 a.m. our time, but I was determined to keep my eyes opened through what promised to be a long ceremony.

And then Diana, a swirl of satin and tulle, emerged from her coach pulling that 20-plus-foot train. She walked up the red carpet, through the cathedral's doors accompanied by her father, and pledged her love to Charles. In a flub that endeared itself in the heart of royal watchers, "Shy Di" transposed the name of her intended.

In what seemed like hours to my tired eyes, the prince and new princess were declared husband and wife by the Church of England. Crowds cheered and church bells rang.

Then they rode off into "happily ever after."

At least that's what we hoped. A few years down the line it appeared "happily ever after" wasn't so happy after all. There were tabloid rumors of friction between the couple and tell-all books published about their private life.

Charles and Diana separated in 1992, ending their marriage in a nasty divorce last year amid gossip of adultery and other sordid affairs. The displaced royal family watched as its dirty laundry was aired for all the world to see.

I was disappointed that the fairy tale romance had been an illusion after all, as I'm sure most royal watchers were. Yet I still remained a fan of Princess Diana, the "Shy Di" who

grew into a vocal supporter for such causes as AIDS awareness, the Red Cross and, most recently, land mines that kill and maim civilians.

I watched the news of her New York dress auction to benefit charity and hoped she'd make an appearance on "The Today Show." Diana did not, although she did send an autographed copy of the auction program to host Katie Couric. Katie, a royal watcher herself, was thrilled.

In recent weeks it seemed that Diana had found her new "prince" in Harrod's heir and movie producer Dodi Fayed.

Saturday night I went to bed with the news that Diana and Fayed had been involved in a Paris auto accident. Newsweek said her condition was serious, hinting nothing about the tragic news to come Sunday morning.

And then I awoke to the Sunday headline screaming its way across the front page. Diana was dead, as was Fayed and the chauffeur driving their car. The European "paparazzi" were initially blamed for the tragedy, accused of chasing the princess and her boyfriend through a tunnel to her death. It was later learned that the couple's driver was drunk.

I don't know enough to cast blame on anyone, nor is it my right. I do know, however, that England had lost one of its true "crown jewels" — Diana.

In a way we can say we're all to blame — for buying the tabloids that feed such media frenzy.

Simply put, we loved Diana too much. In the end, she gave her life for it.

The world is so starved for things of beauty, for something above our own small lives, that we sought that "fairy tale" through our favorite press.

## 'Legitimate' media, paparazzi all cut from same cloth

It is quite a coincidence that my last column was titled "Fringes of the press are at it again." I spoke about how the national printed and electronic media do not hesitate to destroy the reputation and lives of any individual they think would bring them high ratings and sell newspapers.

Now those same hypocrites are blaming the paparazzi for the death of Princess Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and the driver of the Mercedes, who according to French authorities was drunk at the time. The speedometer was locked at 121 miles per hour while in a 30 mph speed zone.

The *Virginian-Pilot*, which has been known to destroy a reputation or two, had a huge picture on the front page of the Sept. 1 edition of Diana with 10 full pages of coverage inside. At the same time they had a small blip about one of the worst crashes ever on the bridge-tunnel, which took the lives of three women and two little girls. Their lives were just as precious to me as Diana's.

This column is not about Diana and Dodi. Enough will be written and said about that for months to come. If one concedes that the paparazzi killed them, then how can the magazines and television networks explain the market that keeps the paparazzi going? It stands to reason that if no one purchased their photos they would soon be out of business.

NBC and ABC have got a lot of nerve to criticize the paparazzi when all they need are motorcycles — then they would be paparazzi themselves. "60 Minutes" and "Primetime Live" send reporters out to snoop and lie to people and businesses hoping to raise their ratings. Very little will stop them from doing so in the future.

They have tied on employment applications to get inside businesses and then, without identifying themselves, have taken pictures of the business just like the paparazzi.

If ABC suspected that Food Lion was serving unsafe meat and fish, it was the broadcast company's duty to immediately report it to the authorities or even Food Lion.

But they didn't do that. They waited for weeks until they got their pictures and put them on the air, ignoring the possibility that if what they said was true people would be eating the unsafe products while they prepared their program.

Obviously, they didn't care about the public's health. All they wanted was to expose Food Lion and get a big story and ratings.

It will be fun for the next few months to hear the press blast each other about who is the worst intruder of people's lives. I say they are all in one way or another.

Welcome to the real world.

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## Foster parenting: the hardest job parents ever love

Nothing tugs at my heart more than a child who does not have the opportunity to grow up with the advantages many of us were fortunate to have



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Virginia Beach that can help. And there are a special group of foster parents in Virginia Beach who are shouldering the burden of raising children whose parents can no longer take care of them.

Faye England is one of those special parents.

and emotional problems due to abuse, dysfunctional home settings or organic disorders.

They require intense treatment using a variety of resources such as special education, therapy and medication management.

So why do people like Faye England and her husband continue to endure the temper tantrums, the arrogance, the disruptive behavior?

Faye recently attended a foster parenting conference in Kentucky. She said even though the sessions were stimulating and the after-hours activities were fun, most of the parents couldn't wait to get home to their children.

If it weren't for the program like TAFY, many of these children would be living in residential treatment facilities, a less desirable situation for most children. If a child can make it in a family, that's the best place for them.

In addition, a residential placement can cost as much as \$100,000 per child per year. TAFY homes function at approximately \$15,000 per child.

TAFY parenting isn't for everyone. Not even all foster parents have what it takes to be a TAFY parent. TAFY parents need a huge helping of patience. These children require special attention, but what they really need is someone to care, someone to hang in there with them through all the challenges.

Along with the commitment to the TAFY program comes an extensive support system to help TAFY parents bring success into the lives of these children.

Services to TAFY parents include frequent visits and calls by specially trained case managers, extensive treatment planning, 24-hour access to clinical staff, extensive training for parents before and during placements, and one weekend per month respite care so that parents can take a break. Picnics, social activities and support groups for parents and children are all part of the TAFY program.

The need for foster parents increases each year. One child wrote in recent TAFY newsletters, "I've been with 11 families and I know how it feels not to have a family."

For more information on foster parenting and the TAFY program, call our Department of Social Services, 437-3437.

Kathleen Jackson of the Virginia Beach Public Information Department contributed to this column.

## On Mother's Day this year, 20 of Faye England's 106 children were at home.

On Mother's Day this year, 20 of Faye England's 106 children were at home. Some were birth children, some were adopted children, some were foster children. They all had one thing in common — they were reared by a patient woman whose heart is full of love for her children.

A foster parent for almost 32 years, Faye England has seen it all — emotionally abused children sexually molested children, battered children. Her participating in a program called The Alliance for Youth (TAFY) has brought her some of her toughest challenges.

TAFY is a therapeutic foster parenting program administered jointly by the Department of Social Services and Comprehensive Mental Health. Children in the TAFY program have a history of behavioral

## Police seeking suspect in service station robbery

On Thursday, Aug. 7 at about 1 a.m., the Bayside Onmark Service Station located at Independence Boulevard and Shore Drive was burglarized. Entry into the business was



### Crime Solvers

By Det. I.K. Cashwell, Virginia Beach Police Department

The suspect then entered the cashier's booth and attempted to remove the safe. The burglar left with eight cartons of Marlboro cigarettes.

The suspect is a black male in his early 20s, about 5-feet-8-inches to 6-feet-tall with black hair,



Suspect

brown eyes and weighs about 160 to 180 pounds. He was wearing dark work overalls.

If you know this person or have any information about this crime, call Virginia Beach Crime Solvers' Tip Line at 427-0000 or the new regional Hampton Roads Tip Line at 1-800-LOCK-UP-UP. You could be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 and will remain anonymous.

## Virginia Beach Symphony announces 1997-98 season

The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra has planned its 1997-98 season. Under the direction of David S. Kunkel, the orchestra will celebrate its 16th year as an all-volunteer organization serving the Tidewater community.

The concert season is:  
■ Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. Kitty Hawk Elementary School, Kitty Hawk, N.C.

■ Sunday, Oct. 19, 3 p.m. Pavilion Theatre, Virginia Beach.

■ Saturday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, N.C.

■ Sunday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m. Pavilion Theatre, Virginia Beach.

■ Sunday, March 1, 3 p.m., Pavilion Theatre, Virginia Beach.

■ Sunday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. Pavilion Theatre, Virginia Beach.

Season tickets can be purchased for \$30 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens by writing Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 2544, Virginia Beach, VA 23450.

For more information, call 671-8611.

## Up close and personal

### Bill Wagner: No bones about it

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Bill Wagner is Cape Henry Collegiate School's own "Jurassic Park meets Indiana Jones."

The intrepid traveler, a mild-mannered math and science teacher when school is in session, traded his classroom for the Montana badlands this summer with one mission: to piece together the prehistoric past.

What he got was an awakening about creatures that once roamed the earth, and Wagner makes no bones that "it was an incredible learning experience."

The middle school teacher fulfilled a lifelong dream by joining an Earth Watch team led by Notre Dame professor Dr. J. Keith Rigby into the stifling Montana heat to uncover the past.

"This did so much more than fulfill my expectations. It was awesome," said Wagner, once again settled into his Virginia Beach classroom filled with dinosaur mobiles, science experiments and a considerable fossil collection.

Wagner paid for the cost of a two-week paleontology expedition out of his own pocket, then was invited to stay free for an extra week after the team made an extraordinary find.

"We were supposed to be screening little tiny pieces of stuff through a sieve and picking bits of bone and teeth out — gathering dinosaur evidence from the area. But we found out all that had changed because they stumbled across a couple of very promising sites. We spent the next two weeks excavating a 50-foot dinosaur at the top of a hill without a house in sight — and visibility is 100 miles!" he said.

The dig began with a simple 6-square-foot hole, "but by the time we finished we had a 40-foot long and up to 8-feet deep excavation." Unfortunately, the remains are encased in rock and difficult to cut out without proper equipment.

"But we did bring a lot of it into the lab," he added. "We know enough to say that it is a large dinosaur from the Late Cretaceous Period and a meat-eating dinosaur. It could be a very promising find."

Despite the hard work — six to eight hours in the sweltering sun, followed by scrubbing bones in his dorm basement in the evening — he was "fired up" to stay an extra week. He'd like to return next summer and work with the team.

"It was very hard work and physically demanding," he admitted, "so you don't get tired because we've got so much adrenaline. You were looking ahead to what you'd find. Nobody knew how much of it was up there, so the deeper you dug the more you found. It was the thrill of discovery over and over again."

Wagner's students have an admiration for their own Indiana Jones, who was eventually named surveyor for the expedition.

"Anytime you can take a personal anecdote and it ties in with what you're teaching — that you can say 'I did that' or 'I went there' — it means a lot to them. It's not from *Discover* or *National Geographic*. They can ask you questions and get an honest answer," Wagner said.

A former Navy pilot, Wagner stays "grounded" to science by leading the school's award-winning Odyssey of the Mind team and is a charter member of the Planetary Society.

Name: William J. "Bill" Wagner.

What brought you to this area: The Navy. I was transferred here in 1985.

Hometown: I was born in New York City, but I call Jacksonville, Fla. home.

Age: 50.



Nickname: "Mr. Bill." I have a "pet" Icelandic rock by the same name that has been with me for 20 years and is presently serving as my hall pass.

Occupation: Middle school math and science teacher at Cape Henry Collegiate School since 1990.

Marital Status: Happily married for 27 years.

Children: Karen, 25, manages a Film Factory store, and Jonathan, 21, is a cook at Rockefeller's restaurant.

"Nobody knew how much of it was up there, so the deeper you dug the more you found."

Bill Wagner, teacher

Favorite movies: "The Godfather," "Alien," "Monty Python and The Holy Grail" and "Silence of the Lambs."

Magazines I read regularly: *National Geographic*, *Discover* and *Scientific American*

Favorite authors: Tom Clancy, Dean Koontz, Stephen Jay Gould and Gregory Benford.



Favorite night on the town: Dinner and a movie.

Favorite restaurant: Rockefeller's.

Favorite meal: Char-grilled salmon or tuna and a crisp white wine.

What most people don't know about me: My secret vice is an occasion premium cigar and a very dry Tanqueray martini.

Best thing about myself: I'm dedicated and loyal.

Worst habit: A tendency to lose my temper with "things."

Pets: One "grand-dog" and several saltwater fish.

Ideal vacation: Working 12-hour days in 100-degree heat in the middle of the eastern Montana badlands excavating a 50-foot dinosaur.

Hobbies: Walking, hiking and traveling anywhere I've never been before.

Pet peeves: Parents who don't appreciate the "good things" about their children.

First job: Stock clerk and bag boy at a grocery store in Florida.

Worst job: Unloading railroad cars of Log Cabin Syrup.

Favorite sports team: Jacksonville Jaguars.

Favorite musicians: The Beatles and Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Most embarrassing moment: Noisily falling asleep at an outdoor evening performance of "Romeo and Juliet."

I would like my epitaph to read: "He never stopped learning."

If I received \$1 million: My secret desire would be to travel the world, exploring new places until funds were exhausted. But my "left brain" would probably insist I invest it.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd host a short telethon to raise money for dinosaur research in Montana.

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# Fresh faces, new schools greet students

## Christopher Farms Elementary, Corporate Landing Middle open doors for first time

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

Hundreds of Virginia Beach students welcomed the return to classes with a new place to call their "school home."

The city's latest schools, the first since 1994, are Christopher Farms Elementary and Corporate Landing Middle. Larkspur Middle and Ocean Lakes High preceded them as "newest."

Christopher Farms Elementary, like Corporate Landing Middle, is a spacious brick building with an abundance of natural light. Its interior spaces are white with sunny yellow trim and patchwork designs incorporated into the tiled hall floors. The 78,740-square-foot facility has a landscaped court yard at its center.

Designers label it "beauty with function." There are 32 classrooms, media center, computer lab, administrative offices, cafeteria and gymnasium.

Most of the students attending Christopher Farms, located on Pleasant Acres Drive, came from North Landing Elementary, others from Holland and Landstown. The staff represents 14 other elementary schools in the city.

Principal Donald Clement hopes students will "be able to build a tradition together of excellence. Each child will receive a quality education in a 21st century school. It's going to be an awesome experience."

He feels some future points of interest will include the formation and implementation of the PTA and the parent volunteer programs.

"The Christopher Farms community is embracing the school and vice versa. We have the first year challenges to face and resolve but one huge plus is the 'can do' spirit of the staff, who ask 'What can I do to help?'"

The staff has been awesome."

Corporate Landing Middle School, a two-story brick building takes advantage of its natural setting by facing the woods. The entry hall has a high ceiling and expanses of glass that allow the morning sun in. The bright interior is white with blue accents and broad hallways to accommodate the 1,800 students and 138 staff who welcomed the new school year this week.

There are two classroom wings separated from the more public areas, such as the auditorium and gym. Separate parking and entrances make it possible to close off portions of the school when athletic events and other public gatherings take place there.

The school has extensive athletic facilities and a 630-seat auditorium.

Dr. Edith Eidson, formerly of Independence Middle School, was appointed in January to head this school. She hopes that "more room and the newest latest equipment including, total Windows 95 on the computers," will be a great benefit to the students.

"The teachers are excited. They are anxious for the students to do even better than they have been doing in the past," she said.

The student body at Corporate Landing is comprised of students



by Mary Ellen Rosenfeld

**WELCOME BACK.** The new Corporate Landing Middle School has plenty of faces familiar to the Virginia Beach Public Schools. Dr. Edith Eidson, formerly of Independence Middle School, is one of them.

from Princess Anne, Landstown, Plaza and Virginia Beach middle schools, with sixth graders from Corporate Landing and Ocean Lakes elementary schools.

There was much activity in both schools just days before Tuesday's opening of the 1997-98 school year. Contractors were still painting, putting on trim

inside and out, installing fixtures, and giving finishing touches before they cleared out.

At the same time, school maintenance and custodial crews were waxing floors, moving in desks, file drawers and other classroom furnishings. Stacks of equipment and supplies filled the waiting area in the main office at

one school and the auditorium at the other one, awaiting delivery around the school.

Clerical and administrative staff were actively preparing for the many students who would be crossing the thresholds of the new schools, while anxious teachers were setting up their new classrooms.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reading tutor volunteers are needed to assist adults who have developmental disabilities with a computer reading program. Group training sessions are scheduled for the week of Sept. 8-12. Volunteers must be 18 or older, motivational, able to give one hour per week (flexible anytime Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.), and have reliable transportation to Pembroke area of Virginia Beach. For more information on how to become a reading tutor for Mental Retardation Programs of Virginia Beach, contact: Sheila Bogart, 437-6095 or Lex Pittman, 437-4990.

Infant Program volunteers are also needed to assist with infants, toddlers and teachers at the Infant Program off Great Neck Road. The Infant Program, an early intervention program for infants that have developmental delays, operates from Sept. 15 June 15. Volunteers 18 years or older, must be willing to volunteer between two to three hours per week one morning (Mon-Thurs). Volunteers should enjoy working with infants, toddlers and family members. The Infant Program offers training for those selected. For more information on how to volunteer with Mental Retardation Programs of Virginia Beach, contact Sheila Bogart, 437-6095.

## CLUB NOTES

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Marketing Association will meet at Sentara Bayside Hospital. Beginning at noon with lunch. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

The speakers will be Beth Rutgers, managing partner and co-owner, and Joe Lowrey, project development specialist, for Metro Video Productions. The topic of discussion will be "Show and Tell: Delivering Your Marketing Message with Video." Cost is \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members, and \$12 for students. Reservations can be made with Continental Research, 489-4887, by Sept. 9.

The Adam Thoroughgood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library. For more information, call Jo Ann Mathias, 437-9131.

The Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. at Tandon's Pine Tree Inn.

The Parrot Heat Club of Tidewater will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Duck-In on Shore Drive at 7:30 p.m. Call 482-4937 for more information.

The Cape Henry Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Thursday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at The Max Restaurant, 425 Water St., Portsmouth.

Jeanette Wheeler of "From Nature's Garden" will present the special feature "Blooms to Last" at the Sept. 15 brunch planned by the Christian Women's Club of Virginia Beach West. It will be held from 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at Grand Affairs, 2036 East Pleasure House Rd. Cost is \$8.95. Marcia Gehris, recording artist and speaker, will present the musical program "Budding Notes." Complimentary nursery service is available for infants to children aged 5. Brunch and nursery reservations are necessary. Call 721-4156 or 424-8112 by Sept. 12.

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Gwen Elmore, president of Fun Tons, will speak on "Traveling for Fun." Prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests.

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will begin its year with a garden party at the home of Mark and Carol Simons, 167 Pinewood Rd. on Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

## — Home Improvement —

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■ Promptly replace any faulty wiring in a home.

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# Beach blast marks explosive summer's end

By Richard Yanku  
Correspondent

Have you ever noticed truth to the adage, "The more things change, the more they remain the same?"

It was noticeable last week as Virginia Beach hosted the Fourth Annual American Music Festival.

Dancing attire of platform shoes and bell bottoms — 1970s chic — was replaced by sandals and casual beach clothes. However, the music that filled the discos and concert halls 20 years ago were still energizing crowds along the resort's oceanside boardwalk.

More than 40 national and regional musical acts performed on 10 outdoor stages last Thursday through Monday. Festivalgoers were treated to top recording artists at the 5th Street Stage on the beach — KC and The Sunshine Band, The Village People, Hall and Oates, Tanya Tucker with David Lee Murphy, Kool and The Gang and Wilson Pickett with The Commitments.

Touted as the largest music event in the United States, the free festival also featured performances on boardwalk stages from 7th Street to 26th Street from The Grass Roots, The Turtles, Foghat, Bill Deal, Ammon Tharp and The Original Rhondels, Kansas, WAR and Average White Band.



"IT'S THE BEST!" Fans crowding the beach at the American Music Festival were treated to four days of free concerts during the

biggest music event on the East Coast. Featured performers included Tanya Tucker, Hall and Oates, and Wilson Pickett.

Photos by Richard Yanku



"Y-M-C-A!" The Village People proved that the '70s beat is not dead as they belted their way through disco classics "YMCA," "Macho Man" and "In the Navy."



ROOM FOR A VIEW. Festivalgoers bumped for the vantage point during the four-day American Music Festival at the Virginia Beach oceanfront.



ANYTHING FOR THE FANS. Harry Wayne Casey of KC and The Sunshine Band took time to provide autographs for fans following his American Music Festival appearance.

## Wesleyan hosts AmeriCorps helper

Virginia Wesleyan College has been selected to host one of 17 AmeriCorps Virginia Campus Community Corps members for the 1997-98 academic year. Carole L. Clyde of Williamsburg will help develop the college's new office of community service.

Clyde hold a bachelor's degree in corporate and professional speech communications from Radford University. She will complete her master's degree in higher education administrative/educational and policy planning and leadership at the College of William and Mary in December.

The VCCC program is funded by the Corporation for National Service and coordinated by the Virginia Campus Opportunity Outreach League (VA COOL). Founded in 1989, VA COOL is a statewide non-profit network dedicated to positively affecting communities, students and institutions by promoting and enhancing campus-based community service and service-learning.

Prior to her position at Virginia Wesleyan, Clyde worked as a graduate assistant at three locations during the spring semester. She was an intern in the office of student volunteer service and an assistant in the training and technical assistance consortium at the College of William and Mary. She was also a service-learning graduate research assistant for Circle K International in Indianapolis.

From 1992 to 1997, Clyde traveled extensively as president, distinguished district secretary and international trustee of Circle K, one of the largest service organizations for collegians in nine nations.

She will coordinate nearly 100 volunteers to restore historic Grant Park in downtown Chicago during the 1997 Service Plunge at the Circle K International Convention in August.

Among the other organizations



Carol L. Clyde

and agencies for which Clyde has volunteered are the Carl T. Hayden Veteran's Administration in Phoenix, Ariz.; Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Women's Resource Center and Radford High School in Radford, and the Service Council at William and Mary. She also has experience as a member of the diversity promotions council and as a university admissions tour guide at Radford University.

Clyde is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." She received the National Student Government Award in 1995 and the All-American Scholar Award in 1994. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Sigma Pi, and a member of the Society of Distinguished Collegians.

The Virginia Campus Community Corps program places AmeriCorps members on college campuses and in volunteer service agencies throughout the state to serve as campus-community liaisons.

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# Benefit rodeo rounds up good time Sept. 12-14



**READY FOR THE RODEO.** Young fans of rodeo action will be found next weekend at Princess Anne Park's annual charity fund-raiser for Children's Hospital for the King's Daughters.

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Some local cowboys compete in the events, but most of the competitors are professionals and the event is sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association.

Rodeo buffs will recognize some of the world's champion cowboys, including Dan Daily, the first cowboy to earn \$1 million in prize money, champion bullrider Terry Don West and Jerome Davis, Gene said.

The rodeo is sponsored by several local businesses, including Tower Auto Mall, which has thrown in an extra incentive for the competitors this year. Some "lucky" cowboy will draw the ticket to ride the notorious "Dodge Power Bull." If he can ride "the snorting, bucking bull, the baddest bull in town" he'll win an extra \$500, Gene said.

As members of Tidewater Western Riders, Gene and Donna have been involved with the rodeo for several years, and they've watched it grow from an amateur "showdown" into a professional competition. Early members of the Tidewater Western Riders, who organized into a club in 1956, began a one-day event that included a horse show and rodeo in 1957.

In those early days, it was held at Greenbrier in Chesapeake, but it moved in 1970 when Princess Anne Park developed.

"Some charter members of the club helped design and build the arena at the park because they wanted some sort of equestrian arena in Virginia Beach," Snow said.

A few of those charter members remain active in the club and one member, Bryant Pace still does the artwork for the rodeo promotions.

The event became a world championship rodeo in 1989 and between them Gene and Donna have served as chairman for several years.

The job hasn't come without its frustrations, including a few rainouts.

"But we've learned how to get around that," Gene said. "We've bought rain insurance."

Still, they're hoping to someday have an equestrian center with an indoor arena although city council placed this project on the back burner in favor of a soccer stadium.

Another year, a bull jumped over the fence into the ring during the children's calf-roping event "and we have pictures of us handing the children over the fence to get them out of there," Gene said.

"But that bull just saw those little calves and walked over and stood with them. That was funny after it was all over, but we've since raised the height of the fences and taken other safety precautions."

Chairing the event also requires a lot of running around and a good knowledge of public relations. Gene and Donna have driven from North Carolina to Maryland to "talk to local radio and television stations."

Finding sponsors and attracting spectators are the biggest challenges, they say "but we've gotten calls from people as far away as New York wanting to know when the rodeo is so they can plan their vacation around it," Gene added.

Gene and Donna will go to great lengths to promote the

event, and this year they're even raising a young bull that they hope will be able to help them.

"It's Christian's bull, and he named him the Tasmanian Devil because he's just a little mean," Donna said. "We hope that we'll be able to break him enough to lead him around and use him for promotions. If not, he'll be given back to the rodeo association to be used in the rodeo."

Although rodeos aren't as common on the East Coast as they are in some parts of the country, their popularity is increasing "and there are some people who follow rodeos around the country," Gene continued.

"And this is rated one of the best rodeos" by the professional association.

The family atmosphere of this event belies the old stereotype of the hard-drinking, ruthless cowboy, the Snows added. Many of the competitors are members of the Christian Cowboy Association and Sunday's events include a church service, open to the public, at the arena at 11 a.m.

And although rodeos have come under recent fire from some animal rights groups, these animals are treated well, added Gene, a lifelong rider who owns several horses. A veterinarian is on call and the cowboys can't use abusive ointment, heavy rigid spurs or other paraphernalia designed to make the animals more aggressive.

"We try to keep it as good, clean family fun," Gene said.

This year's event will be held at 8 p.m. each day Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13, and 2 p.m. Sept. 14. For more information call 721-7786.

## HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

### Fifths Disease in pregnancy

By Dr. Steven Powers

#### Special Report

Fifths Disease, also known as Erythema Infectiosum, is a mildly contagious self-limited viral infection of childhood that is occasionally transmitted to adults. The Human Parvovirus has been linked as the causative agent.

The outbreaks usually occur in children between the ages of 5 and 14 and frequently spread among family members readily.

Most outbreaks occur in the winter and spring months. The mechanism of transmission from one person to another has not yet been clearly identified.

This disease has become alarming to pregnant women

because of recent reports that the virus can infect and cause fetal malformations and/or death. It is known that approximately 4 percent of pregnant women develop acute infection during pregnancy and approximately one-third of these pregnancies result in fetal infection.

Recent studies have indicated that less than 2 percent of infective fetuses die of the viral infection or have serious long-term consequences. Studies have also revealed that at the age of one, the vast majority of children are healthy despite being infected inside the uterus with this virus.

Fifths Disease, or sometimes known as Slapped Cheek or Face Syndrome, has become a very commonly asked question to physicians, nurses and midwives attending to pregnant women.

It is known that about one-third to one-half of adults are immune to Parvovirus, probably from childhood infection. The

infection is usually benign and self-limiting in adults and children, but rarely in immunocompromised patients can cause chronic hemolytic anemia which could become life threatening.

In pregnancy, the most deadly complication is a condition known as Hydrops Fetalis. This is a condition in which water

the maternal or fetal blood or in the amniotic fluid.

The timing is also important since this antibody will only last for approximately one month or two at most after infection. The long term immunity of IGG, which crosses the placenta and can get into the infant, is not helpful in diagnosis as it may indicate a long term immunity may already be present and confuse the diagnosis.

If a pregnancy is thought to be affected by Fifths Disease, routine ultrasound to be vigilant for the development of Hydrops should be performed at least once or twice during the first or second month after infection. It should be stressed again the mainly benign and self-limiting nature of this disease makes fetal compromise unlikely in most patients and should be followed and reassured regarding potential exposure to this viral infections.

For more information, call Powers at his Kempville or Great Bridge office, 495-9400 or 436-0167.

**Diagnosing this condition in pregnancy is very difficult due to the fact that most adults will have no signs.**

collections occur in several different areas of the infant resulting from severe anemia. Studies have suggested that intrauterine transfusions can increase the survival rate of these affected infants.

Diagnosing this condition in pregnancy is very difficult due to the fact that most adults will have no signs or symptoms of disease. A virus specific IGM antibody must be tested for in

#### Television gears up for fall lineup

A bit of Hollywood comes to Hampton Roads in September as presentations of the fall television lineups are highlighted at the Advertising Federation of Greater Hampton Roads' meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11.

The gathering will be held at Nauticus, 232 East Main St. in Norfolk. Limousine shuttle service from Town Point Garage and a Hollywood welcome with red carpet treatment awaits members and guests attending the meeting. The event is sponsored by CableRep, WAVY, WGBT, WPTN, WTKR, WTVZ, WWTB and WVEC.

The event begins at 5:45 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres; the Fall TV Lineups showing begins at 6:45 p.m.; heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar resume at 7:45 p.m. The cost is free for corporate members, \$20 for basic members and \$25 for guests.

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### Déjà vu? Past lives topic of conference

Have you met people for the first time and felt you have known them before? Have you been to a place for the first time and felt you had been there before?

On Sept. 10-14 the Association for Research and Enlightenment, 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue, will host, "Your Journey Through Time: Exploring Reincarnation in Your Life."

Carol Bowman will share her firsthand experiences of working with past-life memories in children, case studies which she discusses in depth in her new book "Children's Past Lives: How Past-Life Memories Affect Your Child." Imagine your 5-year-old son suddenly developing eczema and a terror of loud noises, with no clear physical or psychological cause. Then he remembers a past life as a

black soldier fighting in the Civil War, which he describes in graphic detail and from the point of view of an adult who resents having to fight.

In 1988, Bowman experience this firsthand with her son, Chase. Remarkably, once Chase recounted his memories of the confusion of battle, the horrors of a field hospital and the motions of the reluctant soldier, his exzema and haunting phobia of loud noises completely disappeared.

Bowman has appeared on many nationally broadcast radio and television programs including "Oprah," "Encounters," "Unsolved Mysteries" and "20/20."

For general conference information, call 428-3588, ext. 7552. To register, call 428-3588, ext. 7323.

### Lynnhaven Parish DAR explores Constitution

The Lynnhaven Parish Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will hold its first meeting of the club year on Saturday, Sept. 13 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Old Country Bait, 1952 Laskin Rd. in Regency Plaza. Regent Nevelyn Stark will preside.

Hilda Prince, a U.S. government teacher at Kempville High School and a member of the chapter, will speak on the Constitution. Ten years ago in 1987, the nation celebrated the bicentennial of its governing document. After more than 200 years, it is still the law of the land.

In 1952, Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating Sept. 17 of every year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution. Three years later,

the DAR proposed devoting an entire week to the Constitution by extending the period of the observance. A second congressional resolution, approved Aug. 2, 1955, authorized the establishment of Constitution Week.

Americans can join in another tribute to the Constitution, "Bells Across America," started during the Constitution's bicentennial in 1987. Many organizations and patriotic citizens across the nation continue to ring bells, chimes and carillons on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. This was the time and day in 1787 when the delegates to the convention in Philadelphia signed the final draft of America's blueprint.

For more information about the meeting or the DAR, call Vice Regent Mary Vose, 499-7295.

### Japanese sister city sets Neptune concert

Local residents and visitors to Virginia Beach will be offered a special treat by the Miyazaki City Wind Orchestra from Miyazaki, Japan during the 1997 Neptune Festival.

The concert, which will be offered Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the 24th Street Stage at the beachfront, will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the sister city relationship between Miyazaki and Virginia Beach.

The orchestra, since its first concert 22 years ago, has compiled more than 12 Golden Globe Awards of Excellence in Music for performances in Kyushu region and

Japan. They have performed in mainland China, in the United Kingdom and France.

Repertoires of the orchestra, which perform an average of seven concerts a year throughout the city and the Kyushu region of Japan, include many thematic sounds based on Miyazaki's folk music and mythological beauty and its surroundings.

Among the special selections are "Messages from Great Nature," "Fantasy of Miyazaki Folk Songs," "Miyazaki Image Melody," "Ooyodo River Theme: Symphonic Poem" and "Sunset in Takachiho."

# City Council: no library or school referendums in '97

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Voting for the ordinance were Sessions Jr., and councilmembers Heischob, Henley, Parker, Strayhorn, McClanahan and Harrison. Voting against the ordinance were Oberndorf, and councilmembers Baum, Branch and Jones.

The funds requested in the library referendum would have financed the renovation and expansion of Central, Great Neck, Kempville, Pungo/Blackwater and Windsor Woods libraries; the reconstruction of the Bayside and Oceanfront libraries; and the construction of new libraries in the General Booth Boulevard and Green Run areas. The program would also include new services and extended hours of operation at all libraries.

Council members made clear that they were not repudiating any of the projected needs and were looking for a comprehensive way to meet school and library needs with other city demands.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley led the support for the ordinances referred to as "Option Two" for both the schools and libraries.

Henley doesn't believe there is a question that the work needs to be done (or the need to make improvements to older school buildings and libraries).

She pointed out that the schools and libraries were selected as top priorities for the city at the recent council retreat. "We are looking at an appropriate way to address the concerns."

She said that the W. T. Cooke School in the Beach Borough is "especially unique in that it is much older than the others and needs immediate attention."

The ordinance provides for \$1 million to be used for the acquisition of property for the reconstruction of the Cooke School. The money will come from estimated revenues from school legal settlement (\$600,000) and from authorized charter bonds (\$400,000).

Another \$600,000 will be transferred from the capital project school operating budget support to a comprehensive modernization study to include the study of 11 additional elementary schools.

Also established under the ordinance are four capital projects with the design phase financed by the transfer of \$1,550,000 from the school operating budget support project.

They include Thalia Elementary School modernization (\$445,300); Creeds Elementary School modernization (\$318,800); Shelton Park Elementary School modernization (\$334,400); and the Bayside Elementary School modernization (\$431,500).

Lake Gaston, Oceana EIS study influence issues

Henley, as well as other council members, saw a need for comprehensive planning in relation to the completion of Lake Gaston when council will take another look at the city's debt limit (the debt per capita), and until the completion of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the projected expansion at the Naval Base at Oceana to determine its implications for the city.

Sessions also was interested in awaiting the outcome of the "Rick Harrow" study being undertaken by the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance and expected to be completed within a year. Harrow is a consultant employed by the Alliance.

The study is expected to result in a package of programs for the Hampton Roads city and a regional method of financing the programs. Regional financing, such as a sales tax, would take the burden off of the real estate tax which is the main source of funding by localities for projects.

Henley said it is "our responsibility to try to find a more effective way to provide services because people demand them." She said it was even possible to find efficiencies in design.

Henley said that time would not be lost in the school program by adopting option two for schools and the option also indicates "we would fund Cooke with charter bonds, bonds that would not require an increase in the tax rate."

Heischob said that he had

expected to approve a 1997 referendum but changed his mind after receiving a memo sent to council members stating the staff's approval of option two for both the schools and the libraries.

He said that the options recognize that there are many unanswered questions regarding aspects of both the school and library programs — that city council supports the renovation and reconstruction of aging elementary schools and supports library improvements; all the time schedules for design and construction of elementary school renovations and reconstruction are included in the option; and, a long-term effort to improve the library system is begun, moving that issue to a higher priority than before the library board proposal was received.

Cooke is recognized as a unique case whose construction will be funded with charter bonds in the 1998-99 capital improvement program (CIP) to insure its completion as scheduled in September of 1999.

Also, no tax increase action will be needed in the upcoming spring budget process as a result of the recommended actions. The city's debt management policies will be maintained by the recommended actions, permitting their orderly review after the Lake Gaston project is complete. There will be time to review and respond to the Oceana EIS without potentially creating confusion in the mind of the public as the document is discussed at the same time a large referendum is before them.

By deferring the school referendum to November 1998 the referendum can be comprehensive and establish a permanent means of addressing renovation and reconstruction needs.

**"I don't believe there is a question that the work needs to be done."**

Barbara Henley, councilwoman

Broader community support

Spore said that a comprehensive referendum will also mean broader community support and could allow the completion of all elementary schools several years earlier than allowed by the school proposal.

The tax increase needed will be based on better information as a result of the design work to be done and could be smaller than would be needed if a three-phase program were followed.

Spore also pointed out that the long-term financial consequences of quickly setting a renovation standard, potentially for all school modernizations to follow, needs to be fully explored and the public apprised of the total impact.

Strayhorn said that increasing the tax burden needs more study.

Sessions pointed to the advantage of waiting for the Rick Harrow study and a financing mechanism which would contain a five-year sunset clause. He said that the school system's technology needs, projected at a cost of \$50 to \$100 million, should be included in a referendum. "We need to know what the total cost will be."

Jones: Time to change school board/council image

Jones said of the School Board, "They're the ones who have to make this kind of decision and the public. It's time to change the image of a lack of cooperation between the city and the schools. They came before us; they want us to put (the issue) before the public."

"Give them the opportunity to say whether they want to spend money on schools. Support moving Cooke ahead and also support the other (schools). I don't want to go before the voters and tell them that Bayside (and other schools) are not as important. All are important. We're obligated to at least give the public the opportunity to decide."

Branch said that neither position was all right or all wrong. He said, however, that the referendum is a school board request and that the board is an elected body and wants to make an appeal to the citizens.

"We're looking at economy of space issues," he said, "but it's for the school board to decide. Let them spend money as they see fit. They think that a referendum is the

best way and that 97 is the best time."

McClanahan said that it is "totally true they have made a request, but not an analysis. The problem I have is going to the people with a request from the school board (while it is) our job to raise taxes."

She said she realized that many members of the school board are well-intended and were taking an action that could be politically unwise—most members will be up for election in May.

Baum said that there is a whole lot of merit on both sides, but that the issue needs a lot more study. He added that he was willing to give the school board a chance.

Heischob raised the possibility that the public would say "no" to the referendum. What then?

He said the school board had every right to pose the question to council and that his original position had been to stand back and let the school board manage. However, he said, council has the job of raising taxes.

Strayhorn said that picking option two does not mean a lack of cooperation between the school board and city council, but there is nothing wrong in sharing resources.

The updated schools will have modern computer centers; the plan for the libraries also calls for increased technology. Some discussion has centered around finding a way to share the facilities.

Oberndorf said that option two actually moves school improvements ahead. She also said of the intention to call for a referendum in 1998 that council cannot bind the actions of future councils. By going with option two, she said, she is not saying that she did not want the public in on the decision. The delay will give the city the opportunity to study a referendum for next year.

Jenney supports board

Superintendent of schools Timothy R. Jenney, who appeared to favor a deferral of the referendum until 1998, in a letter to Oberndorf said that he supported the wishes of the board which requested the referendum for this year.

"I have advised the board that no reasonable effort will be spared to make the referendum successful. I believe the work on the eight schools is critical and the need to study requirements of other schools clearly exists. For those reasons, I am as anxious to be able to move ahead as the school board. My concerns were ones of timing and coordination with other issues, but in no way should be construed as a lack of support for the wishes of the board."

"My staff has done an excellent job in reviewing the needs of the eight schools and providing a detailed response for the repair and upgrade of same. I am confident that if council supports the November referendum request, we can adequately take our case to the community."

Some of the \$16.5 million year-end surplus in the school system's year-end budget will help moving the modernizations forward, according to Block.

The balance would have been higher (approximately \$20 million). Block said had the board not purchased over \$3 million in

unbudgeted materials and equipment in the last few weeks of the fiscal year.

Most of the funds went to purchase computers and vehicles, including buses. The had already had programmed over \$6 million for these purposes from the expected \$16.5 million surplus. Now that money will be freed up to help with the modernizations.

Block also reported that the school administration building was being redecorated, for \$50,000 also from the year-end surplus. The work was not budgeted.

The referendum would have provided for the renovation and reconstruction of eight elementary schools — Bayside, W. T. Cooke, Creeds, Kempville Meadows, Louise Luxford, Shelton Park, Thalia and Woodstock and the evaluation of the need for the renovation and reconstruction of 16 additional schools, Arrowhead, Brookwood, Hermitage, Kempville, Lynnhaven, Malibu, Pembroke, Pembroke Meadows, Tranwood and Windsor Woods elementary schools; Bayside, Great Neck and Plaza middle schools; Bayside sixth-grade campus; Kamps Landing Magnet School; and Old Donation Center for the Gifted and Talented.

Michael Arsuaga, the only speaker on the referendums, said that the school board request was "another example of inflating a modest repair package to a referendum."

He said the school referendum should be postponed and that the city should proceed with Cook.

He said that \$117 a square foot for construction was "outrageous," and that the schools should be returned to functional soundness, not converted to "Taj Mahals." He said the school administration squanders its money and wants the taxpayers to make good.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:**  
PUNGO BOROUGH

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, subdivision for Mabel C. Brock. Property is located on the south side of Indian River Road, 1020 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. PUNGO BOROUGH. CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: LYNNAVEN BOROUGH

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Marsha Lynn Building Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Camelot Drive beginning at a point 620 feet more or less east of First Colonial Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no

greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1724 Camelot Drive and contains 10,059 acres. LYNNAVEN BOROUGH.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**  
BAYSIDE BOROUGH

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower on the south side of Newtown Road, 220 feet east of Cleve Abbey. Said parcel is located at 952 Newtown Road and contains 76.133 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Bayside Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church parking lot expansion at the northeast intersection of Pleasure House Road and Northampton Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 1920 Pleasure House Road and contains 3.29 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Central Leasing Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store at the northeast intersection of Independence Boulevard and Pembroke Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 720 Independence Boulevard and contains 31,790.26 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Linda T. Chappell for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational and amusement facility of an outdoor nature on the south side of Dam Neck Road, west of London Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2599 Dam Neck and contains 20 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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### Public Notice

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COUNTY OF UNION  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jane and John Doe, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Barbara Jennings, Thomas Jennings and Guinevere J., a female caucasian born on November 23, 1987 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Alexandria J., a female caucasian born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay,

Attorneys for the Plaintiffs  
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# In search of Grace Sherwood

## Local historian can't 'duck' witch's allure

By Bob Rueggeger  
Correspondent

Edgar Brown has been on a genuine witch hunt.

For the last four or five years he has spent considerable time and energy in researching Grace Sherwood and stalking the lore that surrounds the much celebrated Witch of Pungo.

Brown became interested in the legendary witch of Princess Anne County through his friend Chester Shaffer, who is a Pungo antique dealer.

On most Sundays, Brown would drive down to Fran's Antiques to swap antiques or just "sit and chat" with Shaffer.

County Court are included in this enlightening, unpublished manuscript.

"It is as close to accurate as anything that I have run across," contended Brown.

After nearly five years of searching and investigating, Brown has developed a certain respect for the alleged Witch of Pungo.

Although Brown never actually stated that he admired Grace Sherwood, it would be almost impossible for anyone listening to his discourse to conclude otherwise.

"As far as I'm concerned," Brown asserted, "Grace Sherwood was a good woman."

### What makes Brown so sure?

"In reading into all the cases and the things that happened, I never found where she exerted herself against anybody. It was always her neighbors that were picking on her," he noted.

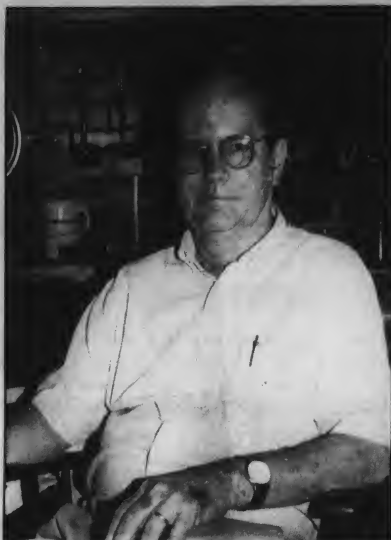
In Brown's opinion, the fact that Grace occasionally chose to wear men's pants combined with the fact that Grace was an attractive woman caused resentment among the neighbors — especially the wives who probably disliked the attention that Grace seemed to be getting from their husbands.

"It was the custom in the 1690s for women to wear full-length dresses that reached to the ground," reminded Brown.

"And here is this woman out here, wearing men's pants, showing her behind off...I mean, showing her figure off," he said. Brown, in one of his characteristic understatements, insisted, "Grace Sherwood was a woman who was not hard to look at."

According to him, the Sherwood's neighbors Elizabeth Barnes, Elizabeth Hill, and Jane Ginsburne didn't want their husbands ogling Grace Sherwood. Had Grace been repulsive instead of attractive and had she conformed to the female fashion of the day, her problems with her neighbors might never have developed.

Essentially, as Brown sees it, Grace Sherwood's crime was not witchcraft. Her transgression was being an attractive non-conformist — a bewitching blend to some folks and a dangerous



IN SEARCH. Edgar Brown has spent considerable time and energy in his search for information about the Witch of Pungo.

compound to others.

Until his death in 1701, Grace's husband, James Sherwood, staunchly defended his wife's reputation in the Princess Anne County Court charging neighbors with defamation of character, slander, and libel because they accused Grace of witchcraft.

Luke and Elizabeth Hill lost a suit to Grace in December of 1705. Grace claimed that Mistress Hill trespassed on her property and assaulted and beat her according to the court record. Although Grace won the suit, the Hills were ordered to pay Grace merely 20 shillings; she had sued for 50 pounds.

Unfortunately, Grace had not heard the last from the Hills who filed a suit against Grace alleging witchcraft in February of 1706.

The local court was informed that Grace bewitched cows to sour their milk, danced naked in the moonlight, and could make herself small enough to sail in an eggshell to England.

The court ordered a jury of women to search Grace's body for peculiar marks that were believed to indicate conspiracy

with the Devil — such as dark blue stains or a third test. According to the jury foreman, Elizabeth Barnes, and the rest of the jury such marks were found on Grace's private parts. Grace refused comment.

Because the local court — apparently skeptical of the evidence presented — declined to advance judgment, Luke Hill took the suit to the colonial capital in Williamsburg. Brown explained,

"The commonwealth attorney reviewed the matter and told him [Luke Hill] to go back to Princess Anne. It was not their problem in Williamsburg; it was Princess Anne's problem." Attorney General Tomson in Williamsburg clearly recognized a hot potato when he saw one.

It is Brown's opinion, that Luke Hill was probably involved with Grace Sherwood. He believes that a affair between Grace and Luke Hill prompted Elizabeth Hill to assault Grace on her own property. Brown also thinks that the charges Hill brought against Grace for witchcraft were motivated by revenge for Grace filing the assault charges.

He also feels that the



WHAT DID SHE LOOK LIKE? No one can be certain, but Grace Sherwood as portrayed by Catherine Bush in the drama "Cry Witch" looks like this.

witchcraft charges were an attempt by Luke Hill to mollify his angry wife.

Forced to conduct additional inspections and hearings, the local sheriff examined the Sherwood residence for articles of a suspicious nature; however, the county sheriff found nothing questionable.

The local court, weary of the controversy, was eager to resolve the witchcraft issue and looked for a way to unravel the legal tangle.

There were a number of "popular" tests for witchcraft in the 17th century. The most haphazard and uncertain among them, according to Chadwick Hansen in "Witchcraft at Salem," was pricking for the Devil's Mark.

Another test was requiring the suspect to recite the Lord's Prayer. The laying-on-of-hands test was also a common method. The best known method of testing witches was the water-ordeal.

With Grace's consent, the court decided to conclude the witchcraft affair by using the water-ordeal or witch-duck test.

Brown said, "People came from everywhere." In order to witness the witch-ducking, people were hanging out of trees and standing on buckboards according to Brown. "They came from as far away as Williamsburg and all around to see the event," he added.

"They tied her from her thumbs to her toes — cross tied her as they called it," Brown explained. "They threw her overboard and she floated," Brown added.

"There was no way that Grace Sherwood could win," Brown said. If she sank and drowned, she was innocent of witchcraft; however, if she floated and survived, she was a witch.

"They took her out of the water, put her in the boat, and brought her ashore," Brown said. "And put her in the Ferry Farm Jail over there in the basement of a plantation kind of house," he added.

"The jail was close to the courthouse which was there in those days — at Donation Church," Brown explained.

Some people think that the Ferry Farm Plantation House was the original building in which Grace Sherwood was imprisoned, but he dismisses that notion.

Although Ferry Farm House basically occupies the same site, older foundations exist on the grounds. Brown said, "We've run across the original foundations that they've been probing around and digging."

Those old foundations, Brown thinks, are probably what's left of the jail where Grace Sherwood was imprisoned for seven or eight years of her life.

While she was in jail, Grace lost her property because she had not paid the taxes on it. In 1714, she sued the commonwealth to get her property back. "She had to pay two pounds of tobacco per acre, and they returned 145 acres of land to her," Brown elaborated.

Grace's later life was peaceful, especially when compared to her rash of legal troubles at the turn of the century.

Her will was written in 1733 and probated in 1740. "She lived until 1740," claimed Brown. "She was 80 years old, and she left her farm to her sons," he said, "John, James and Richard."

Brown came across something of exceptional interest in the vault at the circuit court clerk's office in Virginia Beach — Grace Sherwood's will. In deed book number 5 (1735-40), Grace Sherwood's will, as written by the court clerk, is recorded at the very top of page 501. Although the deed book is not the original document, it was copied from the original. That's a fact.

After over 250 years, it's not always a simple matter to separate fact and fable. But Brown's curiosity and perseverance has shed some light on the Grace Sherwood affair. Brown hasn't found all the answers, but he has uncovered a few items worthy of interest through persistence as well as luck.

All that remains of the "witch's house" on Muddy Creek Road are two brick chimneys. The rest of the house burned down some years ago. "Some people think that the house was Grace Sherwood's house, but it wasn't," Brown said. "It actually belonged to Sally Ann Garrison who people referred to as a witch." Brown explained that the Sherwood dwelling was in the vicinity, but he was not certain exactly where it was located. "If I thought that was Grace Sherwood's house, I'd take a brick as a souvenir, but it isn't," Brown concluded.

In the Virginia Beach clerk's office Brown also came across a map drawn by Sam Whittle in the 1930s. On Sam Whittle's map, the Sherwood homestead is clearly marked as is the actual site of Grace Sherwood's final resting place.

Her burial site is marked by a clump of trees less than 50 yards from Princess Anne Road. Today, what remains of Grace Sherwood lies just a few miles from where she lived off Muddy Creek Road. And that, according to Edgar Brown, is a fact.

Legend, however, has it that Grace met her end quite differently.

While Grace lay dying, a storm of great fury raged without the modest Sherwood home.

Feeling icy the chill of death, Grace requested that her sons place her in front of the fireplace with her feet in the warm ashes. After her sons carried out her dying request, a tremendous blast of wind came down the chimney scattering the ashes in the fireplace.

When the dust from the ashes settled, Grace had vanished and the outline of a hoof print could be seen in the ashes. The Devil, according to folklore, had come to claim his prize.

Although Edgar Brown calls that story "pure fable," he has a fondness for it anyway.

Nothing would please Edgar Brown more than to see a historic road marker erected in downtown Pungo or along Muddy Creek Road to commemorate one of the most fascinating ladies in the history of Princess Anne County.



IT'S NOT HERE. The brick chimneys remaining from Sally Ann Garrison's house were once thought to be those of Grace Sherwood's.

"Every time I'd take him something, it seemed like I was driven to find out more about the Witch of Pungo," Brown explained.

"Of course, I'm real familiar with the courthouse," he continued.

"My daughter is a probate clerk down in Virginia Beach, and she was able to help me along whenever I needed something. . . get me copies and things like that," Brown said.

"I became obsessed with the fact that I've got this and that. And where's the rest of it? I was sort of driven to dig it all out," he maintained.

From the William and Mary Quarterly at the Kirm Memorial Library in Norfolk to Princess Anne County court records, Brown eagerly sought out pertinent information in his quest to learn more about Grace Sherwood — and her legend.

Most recently he has acquired a copy of a manuscript from the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia that gives a fairly comprehensive account of the "affair of Grace Sherwood." Passages from the record of the Governor's Council in Williamsburg and the Princess Anne

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## Study says improve equipment, add personnel to Rudee dredge

### Talking radio

The Virginia State Convention of the American Radio Relay League will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion on Sept. 20-21, and all levels of amateur radio exams will be given nearby at the Pavilion Towers Hotel, 1900 Pavilion Dr. Registration will be from 8:15 to 11 a.m. on Sept. 21. As required by the Federal Communications Commission, the exams cover International Morse Code, rules, regulations, operating practice and radio theory. Morse Code exams begin at 8:30 a.m. and written exams at 9 a.m. All exams are under the supervision of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Call 899-8031 for more information.

### A stitch in time

Members of the Tidewater Sampler Guild will present a special program in conjunction with their annual Juried show. On Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m., members of the guild will be on hand at the Francis Land House to teach the Queen Stitch, the Algerian Eye Stitch and the Basic Cross Stitch. The program is designed for the novice to expert stitcher and is included in the regular admission price of \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens aged 60 and older, \$1.50 for students and \$1 for children aged 6 to 12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The exhibit continues through Oct. 4. Reservations are required. For more information and reservations, call 431-4000.

### Auditions set

The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach will hold auditions for the Agatha Christie murder-mystery-musical spoof "Something's Afoot" on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 22-23 at 7:30 p.m. in the theatre's auditorium, corner of 24th Street and Barborton Drive in Virginia Beach. Needed are six men and four women aged 18 to 60. Those interested in auditioning should have a prepared musical selection (an accompanist will be provided) and be able to read with a British accent. For more information, call 424-1359.

### Artistic touch

Space is still available in several Adult Studio School classes at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Choose from day and/or evening courses in intermediate and face/figure drawing, pastel, landscape on location, oil painting, impressionist painting, acrylic painting, monotype and mixed media, photography, ceramics, faux finishing and decorative floor cloths; and test of unique short courses and workshops in woven metal jewelry, glass mosaic stepping stones and tiles, handmade books, polymer clay (sculpey) jewelry and mandalas. Call 425-0000 now for a class schedule or to register for these classes, which are held September through November.

### Casting call

Dominion Theater will hold auditions for its winter musical "Annie," at The Founders Inn by appointment only this Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. for girls aged 15 and under only, Tuesday, from 7 to 10 p.m. for adults and Thursday, from 7 to 10 p.m. for adults. The show will run Nov. 15 through Feb. 15. All positions are paid. For more information or to schedule an audition, call 366-5809.

### Health talk

Dr. Leon-Paul Georges, professor of internal medicine and director of the Diabetes Institutes at Eastern Virginia Medical School, will present the lecture "For Whom the Bell Tolls: Chronic Illness and Managed Care" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

### Doggone fun

The Third Annual 4-H Guiding Eyes for the Blind Dog Walkathon is Saturday, Sept. 20 at Mt. Trashmore. Walkers and dogs will gather at the assembly area located at shelter two off 4th Win Drive. All walkers must sign in at the registration shelter beginning at 8:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Each walker who donates \$12 or more will receive a T-shirt and be eligible for door prizes. The event supports Guiding Eyes for the Blind efforts in providing trained guide dogs to visually impaired men and women, thus giving them greater mobility, dignity and independence. Call the Virginia Beach 4-H Office, 427-4769, for registration information.

### Whitewater fun

Great Neck Recreation Center is heading for whitewater. A rafting trip, "Falls of the James," is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Depart from Great Neck Recreation Center to Richmond for \$35 per person, which includes transportation, lunch and rafting supplies. This event is open to ages 12 and up with limited space available. Registration deadline is Sept. 26. For reservations and further information, call 496-6766, TDD 471-5839.

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The city's present dredge, the Rudee Inlet II, with improved equipment should be adequate to serve the city in the foreseeable future, according to a study on maintenance dredging alternatives prepared by consultants.

The study recommended that the staff of the dredge should be increased so that personnel would be available at all times to take advantage of the weather.

Tom Langley of Langley and McDonald, consultants who prepared the study, told City Council at a work session Tuesday that he first wanted to dispel the myth that keeping Rudee Inlet open may not be a financial benefit to Virginia Beach.

He said that the cost of adding six personnel and modifying the current dredging equipment and operations would cost \$202,000 which is easily justified with total annual benefits exceeding \$5,424,000.

## Three sites selected for color program

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The Virginia Beach Beautification Commission hopes that beautification of three locations by the city will spur the private sector to do likewise in adjacent areas.

Tom Ward, vice chairman of the commission, reported to council Tuesday that three locations have been selected for the community color project — Princess Anne Road at Newtown Road, Princess Anne Road at the Larkspur School and Northampton Boulevard at Wesleyan Drive to Diamond Springs Road.

The capital improvement program has included \$100,000 for the project which will cost an estimated \$94,391 and \$5,404 for the maintenance costs for the 3.5 months at the close of fiscal year 1997-98.

The plantings have been selected, Ward said, to provide color contrasts even in the hottest weather. The project for the 950-foot plantable median at Princess Anne and Newtown Roads will cost an estimated \$9,314.90 with maintenance for 3.5 months at \$1,118.70. This work will be done by the landscaping services division of the city.

The other two were recommended to be contracted out. The Plantings at the Larkspur Middle School will 1,140 feet of planting at a cost of \$22,557.63 with maintenance at \$1,220, and for the 3,600-foot median on Northampton Boulevard at Wesleyan Drive extending to Diamond Springs Road, estimated to cost \$62,518.63 with maintenance at \$3,066.

Ward said that plants have been selected that will endure the sun and drought although some plants will need some water. Although there will be some grass to mow, that will be minimal, he said.

The commission wants to start soon to get some color out there now, Ward said.

## Consultants say costs easily justified with Corps funding

The report concludes that the annual U.S. Corps of Engineers contract dredging in combination with the city's dredging efforts, as modified, should be adequate to maintain a safe and navigable Rudee Inlet.

Navigation problems at the inlet have resulted in litigation recently when boats have been grounded in the inlet.

Langley said that the city has to take advantage of the good weather and to do this it needs two full shifts and specialized training. He said that at present there is not formal training for any personnel. Langley said that the staff has recommended three shifts. According to the report, a training program for all

personnel would cost \$20,000.

During 1996 the dredge had 70 productive days.

Dredge production rates are limited by the staffing levels, staff training and equipment as well as a policy to prohibit dredging during the day during the tourist season.

Driftings and from both the north and the south have created shoaling problems at the inlet which are further exacerbated by the sand replenishment problems at the resort, Dam Neck and in the future at Sandbridge.

The dredges and is used for the sand replenishment programs at the resort beach.

The volume of sand needed to bypass the inlet is 225,000 cubic yards a year,

but since 1991, the bypassed quantities have been 84,610 under the Corps contract and 74,146 by the city dredge.

Since the Corps average is expected to remain the same, the city needs to increase its production by 89 percent.

The report recommends the purchase of a slurry velocity gauge and a swing compass which could be installed for an estimated \$35,000 to allow the leverman to control the dredge swing with accuracy.

Two revisions in the equipment are recommended that would require a new discharge line and a new section line at a cost of \$280,000.

Recommended is a seven-person crew per shift in addition to one supervisor managing both shifts — at present there are three to four people assigned to each shift, less than a minimum crew. The annual cost for each shift would be

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## Marlin tournament casts off to successful first year

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

For Jack Gibson, last Saturday was a great day for fishing.

Gibson, president of the Bank of Hampton Roads, was one of the co-sponsors of the first Virginia Beach Invitational Marlin Tournament held last weekend at Fisherman's Wharf Marina.

"Wow, it was a great tournament," said Gibson, pointing to the white flags bearing pictures of fish on the incoming boats. "You see all those flags? That's how you know it was a good tournament."

The flag indicates that the anglers aboard that boat were successful at hooking a marlin. The upside-down position indicates that the marlin were released into the water. These huge fish, which can weigh up to 500 pounds, are considered "game fish" that are caught for sport, not food, the tournament participants said.

Saturday's participants were blessed with good weather and abundant catches, Gibson added.

The tournament's winners in the Marlin category, who will split the \$7,000 prize money, included "The Chaos," under the leadership of Steve Richardson, with 10 marlin releases. Others included "The O'Four," under Milton Sykes, with seven releases, and "The Bandit," with six releases.

Roger Gibson's 81-pound tuna one the \$2,200 prize in the meat fish category.

"The wind blew a little," he said, "and it was a choppy out there. But when the fishing's this good you don't notice it."

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HELPING HAND. It's possible to catch a yellow fin tuna, but it takes a wheelbarrow to move it across the docks. Ralph Parham III, a crewmember on The Bandit, wheeled his catch up to the weigh-in Saturday.

## General Booth joint access questioned

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

When City Council granted a rezoning on Jan. 29, 1987 to allow the construction of a medical building on General Booth Boulevard near Las Cruces Drive, it conditioned its approval on having the applicant share its access with the property to its north.

Then Patricia J. Cannon came along with designs for locating her business, Shear Designs, on that property to the north, at 1990 General Booth Boulevard. Her contract to purchase the land hinges on whether she was granted rezoning from agricultural district to conditional B-1 neighborhood business district for the 16,528 square feet of property.

But at Tuesday's council meeting, Garrett Benson, an attorney for the owners of the medical building, showed up to advise council that Cannon "does not have access to our property. No easement is available." He said that the curb cut was between 2008 and 2000.

Benson said that there is a difference in the legal interpretation. "How are you going to establish an easement?"

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that "when folks come in for a rezoning

Benson said that his applicant doesn't believe the access goes with the property. He said that 2000 was the address that the easement was meant to serve.

they tend to agree with almost anything." She said that access was a great concern of council.

Planning Director Robert Scott said that the condition of the rezoning was that there would be one curb cut with reciprocal use for the property owner to the north.

Councilman W. W. Harrison said that if council were to rezone the property Tuesday and the adjacent party does not provide an easement for the new property owner, we're going to be forced to use an existing curb cut, which the city plans to erase, for access.

Council Louis R. Jones asked who enforces the condition and was told that the zoning official does that.

Jones then asked Cannon whether she had legal advice.

Cannon said that she had a site plan which shows the property with an easement, but while the 1987 applicant agreed to everything, he did not put it to record.

Jones said that council was trying to protect Cannon, pointing out that if the rezoning was granted, Cannon would be stuck with the property before the easement issue is resolved.

Councilwoman Louise Strayhorn asked Benson what reason his applicant had for refusing to give access.

Benson said that his applicant doesn't believe the access goes with the property. He said that 2000 was the address that the easement was meant to serve. He said there was no provision of the easement on record, that no agreements were reached on liability or maintenance of

repair on what would be a common access.

Strayhorn said she was still puzzled by the attitude of the owner of the medical building.

The application was deferred. Harrison said that the council needed to look into the matter of enforcement of conditions.

## Public hearing on Comprehensive Plan set for Oct. 28

City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the revised comprehensive plan for Oct. 28, a night meeting of council which starts at 6 p.m.

Council is expected to act on the plan at an early meeting in November.

Council also has instructed the staff to advertise the Sept. 23 meeting, also a night meeting, with a box announcement inviting comment from the public on the plan.

# Commentary

## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

### They cared

The nationally-recognized United Way of South Hampton Roads kicked off its 75th annual campaign last week with a spirited "Day of Caring."

More than 1,700 people representing 125 area companies, the military and government agencies left their jobs for the day to lend a hand to more than 120 non-profit groups across the area.

This year the fund-raising campaign will strive to raise more than \$15 million for 68 United Way agencies under the theme "The Power of U."

It's actually a combination of four vital campaigns in South Hampton Roads: The local United Way campaign, which solicits contributions from employees, organizations, and residents; the Combined Federal Campaign, the fund-raising drive among active-duty military and civilian federal employees; the Combined Virginia Campaign, which collects from state employees; and, the Combined Charities Campaign which accepts contributions from local city government employees.

Monies collected here for United Way stay in South Hampton Roads for everything from the fight against heart disease to sending underprivileged children to camp.

So when the United Way campaign comes your way, dig deep. Think about those it will benefit and the 1,700 folks who shared their time during the "Day of Caring." — V.E.H.

## REMEMBER YOUR FREEDOMS

### Constitution Week

Americans remember the Fourth of July — a celebration of the freedom from English tyranny — with fireworks, parades and picnics. Yet the document that ensures our rights to freedom, the U.S. Constitution, is often forgotten.

In 1952, Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating Sept. 17 of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution. Three years later, the Daughters of the American Revolution proposed devoting an entire week to the document by extending the period of observance. A second congressional resolution, approved on Aug. 2, 1955, authorized the establishment of Constitution Week.

Now, the president issues an annual proclamation calling on all citizens to read and study this historic, all-important document. The observance recognizes not only that "We the People" are the supreme authority, but that citizenship plays a primary role in preserving our system of government — democracy.

Former Chief Justice Warren Burger, serving as chairman of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, called Constitution Week a legacy representing not only the respect Americans share for our governing document, but also our commitment to educate all citizens concerning its history and principles.

Americans can join in another tribute to the Constitution, "Bells Across America," which was started during the Constitution's bicentennial in 1987. Organizations and patriotic citizens across the nation ring bells, chimes, carillons — even their doorbells — on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. This was the time and day in 1787 when the delegates to the convention in Philadelphia signed the final draft of the Constitution.

Take a few moments Wednesday to "ring in" America's freedom and commemorate the signing of America's blueprint. — V.E.H.

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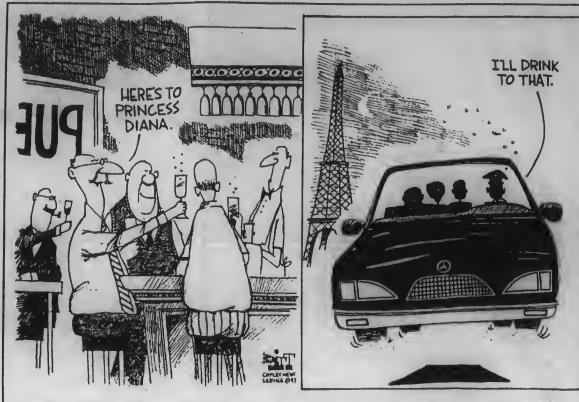
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## Indoor flash floods happen in threes

I've heard that bad things happen in threes. If this is the case, I can't wait for the next disaster to befall me.

Last week I was already reeling — somewhat depressed, actually — by the deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Theresa. By the end of Wednesday, I was ready to go home and collapse with comfort food and some mindless television.

That's when Evan got the idea that suddenly we needed a new washing machine. Our old one was leaking oil from the motor and had a tendency to break down. I agreed and left it up to him to pick one, haul it

### Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

home and install it.

Of course, a path had to be cleared for the new machine. That meant moving furniture in the den, kitchen and living room. I did this while Evan shopped for the new machine. So much for a relaxing evening.

At about 8 p.m. my husband and his father rolled up with the new Kenmore. I must admit it was a beauty with more "bells and whistles" than the older model. After dragging it through three rooms to the laundry room, they wrenched the old washer from the wall.

Then the men set to installing the new machine.

"Are you guys sure you know what you're doing?" I queried, peering into the laundry room.

"Oh sure," Evan's dad said.

"No sweat," my husband added. They were soon done and ready to "christen" the machine. I eagerly loaded it up with dirty clothes and detergent. I set the cycle and pushed

the "on" button. Within moments she was churning away.

The washing machine — apparently — had been installed correctly. At the end of the cycle I tossed the wet clothes in the dryer, started another load of laundry and went to bed. It was about 11:30 p.m.

I slept soundly, unharmed by the racket made by our old washing machine.

I was having a good dream about 6:15 that morning when Evan entered my dream. It suddenly became a nightmare as he shouted, "We've got a flood! We've got a flood!"

Only it was not a nightmare. It was real life. Evan was rousing me from my sleep.

### I was having a good dream about 6:15 that morning when Evan entered my dream. It suddenly became a nightmare.

I ran into the den and immediately felt as if I'd stepped into a marsh. Water squished up around my feet, and the humidity in the room was surreal.

I looked into the attached laundry room. Water stood several inches deep and paint was peeling off the walls.

"The hose came loose from the machine," Evan lamented. "It's been spraying hot water for seven hours."

I groaned. This was not going to be easy to clean.

Evan ordered me to get towels and start soaking up the water in the carpet. I fetched every towel in the house saying — and begrudgingly complied, I knew it was useless.

Like a sponge, the carpet had

soaked up hundreds of gallons of water. I was more concerned about the wooden floors underneath.

Meanwhile, Evan tried to bail water from the laundry room.

"You need a pump," I observed.

In defeat, he vowed to skip work that day and call the insurance company.

When I got home that night, all furniture was removed from the den and huge fans were drying the carpet and wooden floor. It would be Tuesday, Evan said, before the insurance people would return for an assessment. I'm hoping to get new carpet and a paint job for the bathroom.

That disaster still fresh, I was sitting at my desk just hours ago when a steady drip started from the ceiling. The room temperature was boiling hot, too, a sign that the air conditioner just wasn't working.

I was used to the drip, so I ignored it for a couple of minutes until it became a steady drizzle. I screamed and ran to get my co-workers. When we returned, a healthy deluge was pouring from the ceiling.

The office air conditioning unit, located in the rafters above my desk, had gone berserk.

We rushed to catch the water with garbage cans. I scurried to move my computer and notes. Someone else turned off the air conditioner and lights. I could just see it — my office as a huge conductor.

Dam, flooded out again.

As I write this I'm at a makeshift office desk with no air conditioning and adapting to writing in a new environment. Believe me, that's not easy for a writer.

I am wondering, with both incidents being water-related, whether I have somehow irritated God and He is sending mini-floods my way. The only other place I am regularly in is my car, and I don't know how it could flood unless I drive off a bridge.

I'm knocking on wood. Hopefully, these things don't happen in three's or at least won't last 40 days and 40 nights.

## Queen's unfair treatment by media unwarranted at the very least

It seems unfair for the national news media and the trashy English tabloids to treat Queen Elizabeth like the Wicked Witch of the West. If history means anything — anything more, Queen Elizabeth has always conducted herself as a lady during some very trying times.

She has been accused of doing many things, but let's take a look at what she hasn't been accused of doing. She hasn't been accused of committing adultery. She hasn't had sex with her riding instructor. She hasn't mutilated her body on several occasions. She hasn't written a book that was worse than any tabloid. She hasn't shacked up with a playboy whose first marriage lasted only nine months, who then threw his girlfriend out so that he could replace her with another.

It is true that the royal family consists of morons and adulterers, including Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who is rumored to have stepped out on Queen Elizabeth more than one occasion. Princess Margaret has never seemed to be to have all of her marbles, and I think they are hiding Princess Anne.

Prince Charles looks like Alfred E. Numan on the cover of *Mad Magazine* and seems to have the same mentality to go along with it. Fergie likes to have her toes sucked and the paparazzi took pictures to prove it.

Prince Charles treated Diana in the worst sort of way, and there is no doubt (at least according to my wife) that he contributed significantly to most of her problems.

Even with all of the above, plus the burning of Windsor Castle, the queen kept the traditional "stiff upper lip." There is no question but that the royal family had lost touch with reality as far as the everyday English subject was concerned, but as has been said many times these past days, Diana's death has changed all of that with her deep concern for others and her desire to raise her two sons with the knowledge of what is happening in the "real world."

It had to be difficult for Queen Elizabeth to air her grief publicly. It was most unprecedented, but she did what was right, especially for William and Harry. Some in England and the good old USA would have had the queen go on "Oprah," "Fanny Jones" or "Oprah" and make a fool of herself. Many believe that the monarchy has been weakened, but now all indications are that it has been strengthened because of Diana.

She wanted William to be a modern king who shared love and compassion with others. Life will go on, but the death of Diana will leave a huge void. She was a great humanitarian.

Welcome to the real world.

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## 'Fat tax' has a fat chance for support

For years many localities in Virginia and elsewhere around this country have levied taxes on cigarettes.

In the more recent past, lobbying efforts by anti-tobacco factions has spawned numerous lawsuits and restricted advertising of cigarettes in the media. The bottom line, tobacco opponents say, is that the limited advertising cigarette manufacturers have been allowed were aimed at the youth of our country.

The anti-puffery pointed to Joe Camel as the prime target saying the slick character appealed primarily to young boys and girls, thereby assuring the cigarette makers yet another generation of sales.

Whether the claims of either side of the argument are right or wrong will always be debated. Now enter another phase of the same type of attack, this time on food high in fat. A professor with the Yale Center for Eating and Weight Disorders wants a tax levied on high-fat foods. He says such products account for about 300,000 deaths each year in America.

Quoted in Associated Press reports, Kelly Brownell said, "A militant attitude is warranted here. We're infuriated at tobacco companies for

enticing kids to smoke, so we don't want Joe Camel on billboards.

"Is it any different to have Ronald McDonald asking kids to eat foods that are bad for them?"

Where will it end? When will the few people who have achieved a certain notoriety — or have enough money — to make themselves heard in the media finally leave well enough alone.

For those people, chances are they can all afford a night out at a nice restaurant that serves only healthy foods. For most of us everyday working stiffs, even though the costs are somewhat dramatic for a limited budget, eating at McDonalds or other fast food restaurants is a treat.

Heck, half the time I go to a sit-down dining place, chances are I'm going to order something full of fat. Will Brownell only want a tax on the fast food fat foods, or will he insist on a tax on all hamburgers and French fries regardless of where they are served?

I fully expect that some national vegetarian organization will now want federal and state taxes placed on all meats, regardless of fat content, simply because they think eating is wrong and bad for you. They will surely find allies in PETA and other nonsense groups of similar ilk. "Animals have rights, too," they say loudly and often to whomever will listen. "They are living creatures."

Where is PETA, though, when the vegetarians are digging up living things, namely vegetables etc., and eating them? Can science prove that plants have no feelings?

Some may argue that I have taken the point to an absurd level. Perhaps I have. Perhaps I did so on purpose to

show how silly and insane the many claims being leveled by however many self-interest groups there are in existence.

It reminds me of some of the defenses used by trial lawyers in criminal court. "My client cannot be found guilty because he ate 27 Twinkies just hours before the crime. My client did it, but he is not responsible, it was the chemicals and sugar in the Twinkies."

Sound ridiculous? Of course it does, but that really happened.

It's that time every citizen took responsibility for their own action and stop blaming every ill that has ever befallen them on someone else. If someone gets fat and dies from a coronary because they ate a la Bill Clinton, ate two Big Macs every day, then that person is the only one to blame. No one told him to go there everyday instead of the Health Shack. It was his fault and his alone. Not the fast food places because they made the Big Mac available.

Just as a smoker has no one to blame for their troubles except themselves. No one made them smoke. No one prevented them from quitting if they chose to do so. I smoke. Maybe I shouldn't. I'm probably addicted. But I won't quit until I'm ready to do it. In other words, I and millions of others, if we wanted to quit, we would do what it takes to kick the habit. If we don't, it's no one's fault but ours.

It's time for Americans to acknowledge that they are their only boss. When we make a mistake, own up to it and accept the consequences.

Now, I want that burger with lettuce, cheese, chili and mayo, followed by a nice hot cup of strong, black coffee and a cigarette. If that kills me, it's my fault.

### Casual Thoughts

By Jamie Brown, guest columnist





# City gearing up for youth summit

Last spring, I had the exciting opportunity to attend the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. This conference, held in Philadelphia, has as its mission to create plans of action to ensure that all of our youth have access to five fundamental resources that can help them lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives.

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**Adult** — It is more important than ever for young people to have the sustaining presence of caring adults in their lives. While there are currently hundreds of thousands of mentoring and tutoring relationships, it is estimated that more than 10 million young people would benefit from the intervention of a caring adult. The goal of the summit is to create the additional tutoring and mentoring relationships necessary for a positive impact on the lives of our young people.

**"Safe Places to Learn and Grow"** — Young people cannot flourish, develop and properly mature into productive citizens in a climate of fear and chaos. The goal of the summit is to increase safe places and structured activities during non-school hours so that young people can study, play and receive the necessary guidance to reach their full potential in life.

**"A Health Start"** — Adequate health care and healthy behaviors are essential to every child's development and well-being. The goal of the summit is to find new ways, in cooperation with government, health care providers and business, to assure that this is achieved.

**"An Opportunity to Give Back"** — Often young people are not encouraged, or given the opportunity, to help others. The goal of the summit is to provide young people with the opportunity to serve, so that they become part of the solution and experience first-hand the benefit of being active citizens.

**"Marketable Skills through Effective Education"** — Many young people attend school with little concept of how their studies will prepare them for a job or economic opportunity. The goal of the summit is to forge new partnerships among businesses, schools and citizen volunteers to provide more young people with mentors, summer jobs, internships and the essential skills of reading and mathematics.

The summit's goal is to make ef-

fective citizen service an integral part of the American way of life. Through specific, measurable commitments toward these goals from individual organizations from every sector in America, and through community initiatives, the aim is to turn the tide for America's youth.

I was delighted to be able to attend this summit with a delegation of other Virginia Beach citizens. The promise of America rests in the commitment, creativity and energy of its people to respond to our shared problems and to envision a shared future. Every day, Americans are doing that work — helping one another address serious social problems, building stronger communities.

Somewhere in America, in some way, solutions are being found to the problems we face.

Our delegation returned energized with the hope that they could bring the spirit and message of the summit home to South Hampton Roads. As a first step in that process, a leadership luncheon was held at Virginia Wesleyan College. Leaders from the government, military, business community, non-profit organizations and charitable foundations were invited to attend.

We focused on initial planning for a Youth Leadership Celebration Summit on Oct. 13 and a South Hampton Roads Mayors' Summit for Youth in February of next year, both at Virginia Wesleyan College. Dr. William Greer, president of Virginia Wesleyan College, is the chairman of the Hampton Roads Summit.

You will be hearing more and more about these summits as they approach. I hope you will be able to get involved in this great effort.

Helen Spore, legislative assistant to the mayor, contributed to this column.

## Actor's Theatre makes visit to 'Boys Next Door'

The Actor's Theatre opens its fifth season on Friday (today) with "The Boys Next Door."

The funny yet touching play focuses on the lives of four mentally-challenged men who live in a communal residence under the supervision of an earnest, but despairing young social worker.

Directed by Joe Sasso, the play features Brad Rudacille, Ryan Waller, Corey Simmons and veteran actor Pedro Abad. It will be performed at the Actor's Theatre in the Dillard's Wing of Pembroke Mall. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 with discounts available for seniors, active duty military, students and groups. For reservations and information, call 557-0397.

more than 200 years old.

Violinist Barnett, the youngest member of the group, was born in Geneva, Switzerland and educated at the North Carolina School for the Arts. She is playing much of this music for the first time, and as such, brings to it a youthful enthusiasm along with fresh interpretive ideas.

Born into a family of professional musicians, cellist Daniels grew up spending his summers at Brevard Music Camp listening to a wide variety of chamber music. His work with the La Salle String Quartet while attending the Cincinnati College Conservatory along with his summers at the Grand Teton Music Festival where he performed in their Chamber Music series have given him a breadth of experience working in various chamber music ensembles.

Pianist Jordan-Anders first played piano trios as a student at Northwestern University and has rarely stopped since. Her frequent concert tours of the Canary Islands while she lived in Madrid, Spain, always included trio programs, and her Madrid trio made frequent performances throughout that country.

Her infectious enthusiasm for this repertoire continues to grow with her experience performing it, and her intellect and scholarship provide valuable insights into the music. She is a artist-in-residence and Associate Professor of Music at Virginia Wesleyan College.

# The Ghent Trio makes music at Wesleyan

The Ghent Trio — Lee Jordan-Anderson on piano, Kirsty Barnett on violin and Michael Daniels on cello — will perform a program of piano trios including Hyld's "Piano Trio in G Major, H.25," Schubert's Trio in E-flat, Opus 99 and Brahms' "B Major Trio, Opus 8" on Monday at 8 p.m., in the Hofheimer Theater at Virginia Wesleyan College. Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$5.

The Ghent Trio takes its name from the neighborhood where all three members live.

Ghent, the first suburb of Norfolk, was first developed in the 1890s from farm land. Its founders began with a vision of a new community modeled in the spirit of the old city of Ghent, Belgium. These urban pioneers created something new and vital, but anchored it to the past by utilizing the best ideas from old-world city planners.

The neighborhood today retains its historic character while continuing to attract new businesses and residential development. Part of its charm lies in the harmonious juxtaposition of the old with the new — homes and apartment buildings built at the beginning of the century stand peacefully next to more contemporary structures from the last decade.

In a similar fashion, The Ghent Trio is committed to breathing fresh life into the vast repertoire of music for piano trio, a genre now

## Up close and personal

# Bob Chapman: On familiar turf

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Virginia Wesleyan College graduate and new chaplain Bob Chapman sums up his return to the campus — 18 years later — in one word: "Weird."

There are those professors, who were just fresh from their own college training when he graduated in 1979, that Chapman keeps running into. He's getting to know the old neighborhood again, plus he's ministering in a completely new — and different — environment than his previous pastorates.

"But it's still good to be back," he smiled. Chapman comes to Wesleyan from Roanoke, where he served as pastor of Fairview United Methodist Church from 1990 through June.

Since taking up duties at the college in August, he has found a home in the Newtown area and is getting to know the students. That will come gradually, he admitted, since the previous chaplain, the Rev. Scott E. Davis, returned to the local parish after serving the college nine years.

"The first challenge is to develop trust — to get the students to trust and know me — because they don't know who I am yet. They're trying to get a handle on me."

Already, though, Chapman has earned the nickname "Chappy," much easier than the tongue-twisting "Chaplain Chapman."

He has gotten to know much of the freshman class through a Habitat for Humanity project that falls under the baliwick of the chaplain's office. Chapman worked alongside the freshmen volunteers on building projects one week before school started.

"My involvement with them was learning and working right along with them. I made myself available and did some hammering, framing, even a little electrical work. I learned a lot."

Chapman sees his return to the Virginia Wesleyan campus as the completion of a full circle.

"I told the parents on orientation day that when I graduated from here 18 years ago, a picture was taken of me holding my diploma surrounded by my family. My sister was pregnant at the time. The child who was in her womb that day is now here as a freshman. He and I have come back to college as uncle and nephew. I'm glad to be back," he said.

Chapman received his bachelor's degree in communications studies in 1979. A Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. followed in 1985, as well as a Master of Education in agency counseling from Lynchburg College in May.

Chapman's clinical education includes a counseling internship at Roanoke Valley Family Services, a resident chaplaincy at University of Virginia Medical Center and a chaplain internship at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md.

Name: Bob Chapman.

What brought you to this area: Appointment as chaplain to Virginia Wesleyan College.

Hometown: Norfolk.

Age: 40.

Nickname: Actually, I have three. My sister and mother call me Tookee. Don't ask why. My nephews call me Bubba as there is usually a Bubba in Southern families. The students at Virginia Wesleyan call me Chappy because Chaplain Chapman is a tongue twister.

Occupation: Chaplain of Virginia Wesleyan College.

Marital Status: Married to Julie Mann Chapman for 11 years. We were wed on my birthday.

Children: Kathleen, 9, loves to play and simply have fun. She enjoys swimming and gymnastics.

Favorite movies: "Spencers Mountain," "On Golden Pond," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "East of Eden" with James Dean.

Magazines I read regularly: Newsweek, Time and a few professional journals — The Christian Century and Journal of Counseling and Development.

Favorite authors: Flannery O'Connor, Lewis Grizzard and Gary



Larson (I miss "The Far Side").

"clergy dude or dudette."

Favorite night on the town: A relaxing evening with Julie. The best bet is a good dinner at a seafood restaurant and a good movie.

Favorite restaurant: Pizza Chef on Bayview Boulevard. It's a "neighborhood thing."

Favorite meal and beverage: Softshell crabs and ice cold Texas tea.

What most people don't know about me: Since I have been away from Hampton Roads for 16 years, I doubt many people know me as it is. Most people in Norfolk don't know that I am still mad that they closed and demolished Krispy Kreme on Chesapeake Boulevard while I was living in Roanoke. Also, most people don't know that I have the autograph of "The San Diego Chicken" or that I do a marvelous imitation of Fernando on "Saturday Night Live" or a pretty good imitation of The Church Lady.

Best thing about myself: I'm open-minded to diversity and a good listener. I'm quiet with a good sense of humor.

Worst habit: Eating too many Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

Pets: A beautiful and lovable Labrador retriever named Katie.

Ideal vacation: A week with my wife at a plush resort or in a foreign country.

Hobbies: For my personal and mental health I like to run early in the morning. I also like to ride bikes with Kathleen and play tennis with friends in Roanoke.

Pet peeves: When I served the local church as a pastor, I did not like being called "preacher." Also, I do not like the assumption from some folks that members of the clergy are square and not very much fun. I do not like it when folks feel on guard in the presence of a

First job: I was a bag boy and stock Boulevard. The late Mr. Saunders was great about employing neighborhood kids. My first job after college was with a photography studio known as Haycox Photomagic Inc.

Worst job: Dishwasher at a hotel restaurant on the Virginia Beach oceanfront. It was gross having to clean out the dishwasher.

Favorite sports teams: Baltimore Orioles, Washington Redskins and Boston Celtics. I also like following NASCAR racing. However, Julie and Kathleen have no interest in this sport. My favorite driver is "The Kid" — Jeff Gordon.

Favorite musicians: James Taylor, Roy Orbison, Carly Simon, Indigo Girls, Ray Charles, The Beach Boys and, of course, The Beatles.

Most embarrassing moment: I was in a Halmek store and saw a woman who lived in my community who occasionally attended a church I was serving. I went over to say hello. As we were talking, I said, "I didn't know that you were expecting a second child." She replied, "I am not."

I would like my epitaph to read: I prefer the first listed or a combination of the two: "He was a fun-loving, free-spirited kind of guy" or "Devoted husband, loving father, empathetic pastor."

If I received \$1 million: I would not want to have a significant change in my lifestyle. I would invest this money toward some worthy charitable foundations and solid educational endeavors/programs.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: Wow, what a thought! I would like to be a guest with Dave on "The Late Show" or do a scene with Kramer and George on "Seinfeld." I would not want to be real serious like those televangelist folks.

# Boardwalk Art Show places among top 20

The Boardwalk Art Show and Festival was recently ranked among the top 20 art shows in the country by *Sunshine Artist* magazine, America's premier show and festival guide.

The magazine's fifth annual poll, published in the September 1997 issue, features information about the nation's top 200 shows and festivals. The events are ranked according to attendance figures and

sales potential for individual artists and craftsmen. "We also include anecdotal comments from readers to give a more complete picture of each event," said the magazine's editor, Amy Detweiler.

The show has been included each year that the magazine has compiled its list of the country's top 200 shows. This year, it received the ranking of number 20, placing it in the topmost echelon

of shows nationwide. "It's always a great honor to be ranked among the best shows in the country," says BWAASF show director Sharon Banks, "especially since it's our exhibiting artists who nominate us."

The Boardwalk Art Show and Festival is a four-day oceanfront celebration of visual and performing arts, featuring more than 300 exhibitors, as well as free

concerts by contemporary performing artists. The event is sponsored by The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, the only art institution in the state dedicated solely to the art of our time. All proceeds go to benefit that institution.

The 43rd Annual Boardwalk Art Show and Festival will be held June 18-21. For more information, call 425-0000.



# BizExpo '97: networking, learning opportunities abound

BizExpo '97, Virginia's largest and Hampton Roads' only business-to-business trade show, kicks off at 6 p.m. Tuesday and runs through Thursday at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce annually holds BizExpo to provide Virginia businesses the opportunity to meet, show and sell to more than 6,000 key business decision-makers in just over two days.

Those in attendance will be able to visit more than 200 business exhibitors and learn about their products and services. The trade show portion of BizExpo runs continuously each day. Hours are 6

to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday.

Free admission tickets for BizExpo are available at all Hampton Roads Chamber offices. Tickets at the door are \$7.

In addition to the trade show, several special events will be held during BizExpo:

■ The Chamber's monthly networking party, Business After Hours, is one of the first events on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. A second bonus Business After Hours will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Both networking socials are free with a BizExpo ticket. This event is sponsored in part by Fine Host.

## The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce annually holds BizExpo to provide Virginia businesses the opportunity to meet, show and sell.

■ Another first-day event which is repeated on Wednesday is the BizExpo Fashion Show. Clothes and accessories for professional men and women will be featured, with a focus on what business professional will be wearing this fall and winter. The fashion show will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

■ Virginia International Terminals Inc. joins with the Chamber to present the state, local and private procurement conference on Wednesday and Thursday (Sept. 17 and 18) from 8 to 11:30 a.m. This two-morning conference provides participants with a better understanding of how to do business with these entities.

Sessions will include panel discussions and one-on-one meetings with exhibitors. Contracts will be awarded at the start of the second day.

Presentations will be given by representatives of hospitals, government agencies, public schools, colleges and universities, city and state government and large private businesses. Admission to the conference is by reservation only. Tickets are \$65 for chamber members and \$75 for non-members.

Call the chamber's reservation hotline, 664-2558, to reserve a space. For more information, call Brooke McKee, 664-2573.

■ The region's first Armed Forces Job Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. About 100 employers will be on hand to recruit military personnel entering the private sector. Interviews will be conducted on the spot and participants should bring copies of their resume and dress appropriately. The job fair is open to all active duty military personnel or Department of Defense civilians and family members with valid identification. Several seminars also will be offered. For more information, call Jennifer Tuttle, 664-2523.

■ One of the focuses of BizExpo is networking. A special Wednesday morning session (8 a.m. to noon), One-to-One Marketplace, is devoted to helping participants meet people who can provide them with referrals. The program is open to not more than two representatives from the same company, one of whom must be the owner or manager. Registration is limited to 150 participants.

The One-to-One Marketplace also features a seminar on "Networking and Generating Endless Referrals" by Craig Bertenshaw, sales manager for Cavalier Ford and a nationally-recognized motivational and sales training presenter.

The cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$45 for non-members. Each participant will be provided a list of all participants to aid in follow-up. For more information or to register, call Jennifer Evans, 664-2504.

■ On Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 p.m., all chamber members and prospective members are encouraged to attend the Member Briefing. It's free with BizExpo admission. The session provides information on the Chamber's products and services, as well as a repeat of Craig Bertenshaw's session on networking and generating endless referrals. To reserve a seat, call Jennifer Evans, 664-2504.

■ The final special event of BizExpo will be a Jim Ball seminar on goal-driven management Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. The seminar is designed to help executives make sure individuals working for them are pursuing clearly-defined goals. Jim Ball is founder and manager of a venture capital firm and has helped finance and launch 23 new businesses to date, including the Discovery Channel.

The seminar, "Five Keys to Achieving Inspiring, Yet Realistic Goals," will provide participants with clear and easy-to-use techniques for motivating and managing toward team and corporate goals. Ways to set and achieve goals will be discussed and a 10-point checklist for evaluating goals will be provided.

The cost is \$49 for chamber members and \$59 for non-members. Reservations are required by Sept. 15. Call the chamber's reservation hotline, 664-2558. For more information, call Cindy Davenport, 664-2572.

The Jim Ball seminar is sponsored by the Chamber, Don Richard Associates and the Small Business Development Center of Hampton Roads.

## HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

### Dr. Roger Newsom adds new dimension to eye care

The most recent addition to the eye care team at Tidewater Eye Surgeons and Associates is ophthalmologist Dr. Roger Newsom, who joins the practice after recently completing a American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

Newsom returns to his native Hampton Roads as one of a new breed of young physicians and surgeons specifically trained in the most recent technological advances in the treatment of the eye.

His arrival adds still a new dimension to the wide range of specialized eye care services available at Tidewater Eye Surgeons and Associates, whose offices are situated in Virginia Beach and Portsmouth.

In joining Tidewater Eye, he brings his extensive training as an ophthalmic and plastic reconstructive surgeon—a specialized area of ophthalmology that deals with the management of deformities and abnormalities of the eyelids, the lacrimal (tear) system, the orbit (the bony cavity surrounding the eye) and the adjacent face.

Since ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery can affect one's ability to perform this delicate cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, while at the same time also providing routine medical eye care that the eye itself may require.

Newsom's recently completed American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship training was undertaken at two major hospitals in Toronto, Canada—the University of Toronto Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children—and his experience and training there included delicate eye surgery, both for children and adults alike.

Earlier in his career, Newsom completed his ophthalmology residency at the Wake Forest University Eye Center, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

No stranger to Hampton Roads, Newsom's training also included an internship at the Riverside Regional Medical Center, his medical school training at Eastern Virginia

Medical School and additional graduate education at Old Dominion University. During this period, he was associated, while serving with Operation Smile, with noted plastic surgeon Dr. William Magee.

He had earlier received his undergraduate degree in biochemistry at East Carolina University.

## Annual seminar held

The Fifth Annual Estate Planning and Charitable Giving Seminar will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 12:30-5:45 p.m. at The Harbor Club, Norfolk.

Emphasis will be placed on new and current subjects, including in-depth coverage of recent developments and problems which often prove difficult in planning clients' affairs and transactions.

Speakers include: Louis A. Mezzello, Esquire (Mezzello and McCandlish), Dennis I. Belcher, Esquire (McGuire, Woods, Battle and Booth), Steven J. Schneider

(Ash Brokerage Corporation) and John H. Donaldson (Marshall-Wythe School of Law).

Pre-registration is requested. There is a fee of \$45. The event is co-sponsored by The Virginia Beach Foundation and American Society of CLU and ChFC, Hampton Roads Tax Forum, Tidewater Estate Planning Council, Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, Virginia Society of CPAs and Virginia Beach Bar Association. For more information, call Debbie Adams at the foundation office, 422-5249.

## Cox Communications receives award for community service

The Virginia Jaycees, an organization dedicated to community service, honored Cox Communications for its outstanding literacy program, "Undercover with Agent Good Book."

The Virginia Jaycees State President, Mary Loose DeViney,

publicly recently presented Cox Communications with an award of appreciation on the program "Hampton Roads Speaks Out."

DeViney believes it is important to recognize local businesses, like Cox Communications, for their continuing support of community service programs.

The "Undercover with Agent Good Book" literacy program encourages children to read. The television program is produced by Cox Communications in conjunction with the local school systems. The show is in the fifth year of production.

The speaker will be Hans Grant, president of Forward Hampton Roads, who will speak on "Economic Development in Hampton Roads."

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## Club holds meeting

The Hampton Roads Foreign Commerce Club will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 17 with a reception from noon to 12:30 p.m. and luncheon from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

The speaker will be Hans Grant, president of Forward Hampton Roads, who will speak on "Economic Development in Hampton Roads."

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## Beach, Chesapeake to team up for environment

Two events to raise awareness of the Southern Watershed Area (SWA) will be held this fall.

A Watershed Stakeholder Workshop will take place at Salem Middle School Saturday in Virginia Beach and the first Green Sea Festival is Saturday, Oct. 18 in Chesapeake.

The Southern Watershed Area encompasses the southern half of the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach and includes the watersheds of Back Bay, the Northwest River and the North Landing River.

The area contains a wealth of natural and cultural resources that are unique to the Hampton Roads region, with a variety of agricultural operations, a state park, two national wildlife refuges, the drinking water supply for Chesapeake, rural residential areas and preservation areas held by the Commonwealth of Virginia and The Nature Conservancy.

The northern portion of the watershed is much more urban in character, including Oceana Naval Air Station, suburban housing developments, commercial and institutional uses and recreational facilities.

Both of these two events are a result of a joint initiative between the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, working in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

The workshop will be a forum for dialogue between stakeholders in the two cities and will feature an overview of the SWA and a description of some of the existing management initiatives. Group discussions will follow and participants may express their

views on the future of the watershed.

The Green Sea Festival is a celebration of the natural and cultural resources of the SWA and will combine education and entertainment in a family-oriented event. Children's events include an educational contest, puppet shows and storytelling. Adults can enjoy music, food, displays and presentations focused on preserving the area and highlighting its culture and history.

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The Watershed Stakeholder Workshop is set for Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Salem Middle School, 2380 Lynnhaven Pkwy.

For more information, call Eric Walberg, 420-8300; Clay Benick of the Virginia Beach Environmental Management Center, 427-4621; or, Jaleh Pett of the Chesapeake Planning Department, 382-6176.

The Green Sea Festival is Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Northwest River Park in Chesapeake. For more information, call festival coordinator Cindy Butler, 481-6192.

Both events are free.

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# Habitat enthusiasm infects Wesleyan students

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

Virginia Wesleyan College students have developed all the symptoms of "infectious habitus."

The symptoms include "finding it exciting to wake up very early in the morning, constantly holding a hammer and feeling you must get dirty," said sophomore Katie Wick, president of the campus' Habitat for Humanity chapter.

There is no cure for the disease, but there is treatment. The chapter is raising funds — their "therapy" — to build a Habitat home in Ocean View.

Recently the chapter built a storage shed at Taylor's Do-It Center on Independence Boulevard as a fund-raiser. Anyone could purchase boards or bricks for the future home and sign the inside shed walls. Students also distributed information about Habitat for Humanity.

About \$468 was raised.

The shed, a requirement for every Habitat house, turned out so well that a Taylor customer wanted to buy it — but the shed was not sold. It will be used at the future home to safely store a barbecue grill, lawn mower or anything else that might pose a fire hazard.

With completion of the successful venture, around \$13,000 to date has been raised for the Ocean View house. A local company is offering a matching grant when the students have reached \$15,000.

That will be enough to begin construction, and an additional \$10,000 will be needed to complete the project.

Some help will come in the form of materials. Sherwin Williams has already donated paint for the entire house.

"We've been getting donations

all along," said Diane Hotelling, the college's director of community service.

Junior John Hellen, an intern working on the Habitat project, said, "We have lots of people helping out."

Assistance has taken many forms.

Local churches have fed or donated money for food to feed Habitat volunteers. A pancake breakfast was served by the men of one local church. Other people responded to a student letter-writing campaign. That activity raised \$5,000.

The Suburban Kiwanis Building Club donated \$4,000 and a washing machine. Junior Sean Nesbit said that a bridge tournament hosted by his grandmother's church is also planned.

All this only scratches the surface. There are ongoing, on-campus projects such as collecting spare change in the book store and snack bar and can recycling. No project is too small.

The students would like to see the family in their new Ocean View home by Christmas.

Hotelling said that "there is nothing quite like the energy of college students committed to a cause."

Students and staff indicated some trepidation at tackling a project as big as the house. Yet they also showed excitement about getting started.

"We don't know it all, but we can find somebody to help us," said one student.

Still the needs for money and supplies prevail. Also, the students cannot start the home until they have one or more site supervisors who know construction techniques and can guide volunteers.

Call 461-3426, ext. 3426 for donations.



CUT! Students cut wood in preparation for a tool shed they built at Taylor's Do-It Center recently. The "barn raising" was part of an effort by Virginia Wesleyan College's Habitat for Humanity Chapter to raise funds for a house they will sponsor this fall.

## EDUCATION

### Buckingham named special assistant to VWC president

David E. Buckingham of Chesapeake, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Virginia Wesleyan College, has just been named special assistant to the president.

College President Dr. William T. Greer Jr. announced the promotion during his State of the College Address. Buckingham will continue his current duties in Student Affairs, in addition to the new responsibilities.

Greer, in commenting on the new position, said, "I am quite serious when I say that David Buckingham's passion for marathon running made him a natural for this new assignment. His energy and stamina, coupled with a keen mind and deep love for Virginia Wesleyan, will all come together in an effective way for us."

Greer expects Buckingham to assist in such areas as marketing, strategic long-range planning, restructuring and other new projects and initiatives.

Last summer, Buckingham attended the month-long Harvard's Institute for Educational Management, considered by many educators the most prestigious institute of its kind.

Only 95 of more than 200 highly qualified applicants for this very competitive program were accepted. Its curriculum each year is planned for college and university administrators whose responsibility and authority shape broad institutional policy.

Last summer's program stressed three significant challenges facing higher education: Leadership in a Dynamic Environment, Managing the Academic Community, and Vision, Strategy and Change.

Buckingham, who joined the



Buckingham

VWC administrative staff as dean of students in January 1982, was named Outstanding Professional in Virginia in 1990 by the Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

### Longwood junior picked for scholarship study in Spain

Theresa Gregory, a Longwood College junior from Virginia Beach, has received a scholarship to study in Spain and has also been accepted for an internship at the U.S. Embassy in Ecuador.

Gregory, majoring in Spanish and minoring in international studies, will study this fall at the Institute of Spanish Studies in Valencia, with which Longwood has a study-abroad program. She will take 15 credits of courses in Spanish literature, advanced grammar, culture and civilization and phonetics, while living with a Spanish family.

The scholarship she received is the only one given annually to a student preparing to study abroad. She is in Longwood's Honors Program.

Gregory will also do an internship at the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador from Jan. 12 through April 3. This

acceptance process, coordinated by James Madison University's international internship program, is also "highly competitive," said Dr. Lily Goetz, a Longwood Spanish professor.

She will work in the business information center of the commerce section, speaking Spanish daily with Embassy visitors and earning 16 credits.



Theresa Gregory



GIVE FROM THE HEART. Virginia Wesleyan College students Donya Caviness, Jen Guerdat and Kalll Margaritis promote Habitat for Humanity during a recent fund-raising event.



PITCHING IN. Virginia Wesleyan College Junior Mike Phivinski, left, directs volunteers for the college's Habitat for Humanity Chapter as they construct a tool shed on site at Taylor's Do-It Center on Independence Boulevard. The "barn raising" was a fund-raiser for a house the chapter will build this fall.



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## 1997 King Neptune Royal Court selected

Bob Fort, chairman of the 1997 Neptune Festival, has announced the selection of the Neptune Festival XXIV Royal Court.

The princesses are selected by the festival committee each spring. They are chosen on the basis of high scholastic ratings, school and civic organization involvement, and personality.

Five Princesses Royale, two Court Attendants and two King's Pages, selected as special attendants, will also serve on the court for this year's festival.

The princesses will accompany King Neptune XXIV Will Seasons, at all official appearances of the Royal Court. In addition, they will participate in other area events throughout the coming year.

The 1997 princesses are:

■ Princess Katherine Benson, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Eric Benson (USN), attends First Colonial High School. She is in the Varsity Swim Team and participates in Young Life and the Key Club. An honor roll member, she plans a career in secondary elementary education.

■ Princess Brooks Harrison, daughter of Capt. and Mrs.

Kenneth Harrison (USN), is a junior at Kempsville High School. Brooke serves on the Junior Class Council and recently held the lead role in the Spring 1997 performance of "Sleeping Beauty." A nominee for the Governor's School Summer Program, she plans to pursue a career in medicine.

■ Princess Tiffany Johnston, daughter of Karen Johnston, is a junior at Kellam High School. She is the student council vice president, the Inter-Club Council chair and serves on the SCA Executive Council. A member of the VBTV Broadcasting Team, she aspires to become an architect.

■ Princess Stephanie Muskovac, daughter of Dr. Jim Thomas of Virginia Beach and Mr. and Mrs. John Muskovac of Highland, Md. Stephanie attends Kempsville High School. She is a member of the varsity tennis team, as well as the indoor track team and choir. A volunteer at Virginia Beach's Police Department 4th Precinct, she looks forward to becoming a medical professional.

■ Princess Jessica Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Parker III, attends Ocean Lakes



**CREATING A MASTERPIECE.** The Neptune Festival Sandcastle Classic begins Sept. 27 and 28. Sculptors from as far away as Hawaii, Canada and Washington State are expected to attend the largest East Coast competition of its kind.

High School. She is a member of the yearbook staff and served on the SCA District Rave Committee. A member of the junior class homecoming court, she plans a career in art education or graphic design.

■ Princess Graham Strickler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Strickler, attends First Colonial High School. She plays varsity field hockey and competes on the varsity swim team. A member of the Junior Class Executive Council, she hopes to become a meteorologist.

Princesses Royale are:  
■ Princess Katherine Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Ray, attends Norfolk Academy. She is the junior class treasurer and secretary of the Keynotes Club and plays field hockey. She ultimately plans to continue in the family business, Atlantic Dominion Distributors.

■ Princess Holly Fort, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fort, attends First Colonial High School. Listed in the "Who's Who Among High School Students,"

Holly is the Junior Class Treasurer and was chair of the 1997 Battle of the Bands. A member of the Spanish and Key Clubs, she plans to obtain a four-year degree in political science and history, then pursue a career in the U.S. State Department.

■ Princess Erin O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. O'Brien, attends Cox High School. A member of the Executive Council for the Class of 1998, she is editor in chief of the yearbook (Talon) and a member of the Executive Council of the Key Club. Recognized for her scholastics by the National Honor Society and the German Honor Society, she expects to pursue a career in politics, public relations or law.

■ Princess Mollie Seasons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Seasons, attends Norfolk Academy. Involved in athletics, she plays on the soccer and field hockey teams. She plans to attend college, majoring in communications.

■ Princess Jaime Vagos,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Vagos, attends Cox High School. She is the FHA second vice president, and works on the yearbook staff. A 4-H Camp counselor, she looks forward to a career in education.

The Court Attendants are children or grandchildren of Royal Order members. They are Heather Ann Bregman, daughter of Mr. Randal K. Bregman; Devin Miller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell B. Miller.

The 1997 King's Pages are Trevor Talbot Hebenstreit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hebenstreit; and John Cameron McKenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenney.

Neptune Festival XXIV's theme, "Neptune's Galaxy of Games," celebrates the many sporting events and activities related to the annual festival. Virginia Beach's fond farewell to summer, Neptune Festival XXIV begins Sept. 6 with the Grand Ball and Presentation and ends with the Boardwalk Weekend Celebration, Sept. 26-28.

## Wine-tasting event adds new dimension to this year's Neptune Fest

The Neptune Festival will host its first wine-tasting event on Saturday, Sept. 13 from noon-6 p.m. at the 24th Street Park.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to taste Virginia wines, listen to beach music and meet people from the community," said Sal DaBiero, coordinator of the event. "I can't think of a better fall setting than the beach for tasting wines. We hope this will add a new dimension to the Neptune Festival and the many quality activities already taking place."

The event will feature two bands playing rock-and-roll oldies and beach music, more than 15 Virginia wineries and several food vendors.

Glasses are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the gate. Advance registration forms will be available at local restaurants, specialty stores and Hannaford Food and Drug Supercenters. Included in the ticket purchase is a specially-designed wine glass for free tastings and a Popsicle Pin packet that includes an assortment of restaurant and retail coupons valued at more than \$10. Additional gifts also will be given away in a raffle.

Wineries participating include Afton Mountain Vineyards, Barboursville Vineyards, Barley Vineyard Inc., Chateau Morisette, Dominion Wine Cellars, Hartwood Winery, Inc., Horton Vineyards Inc., Mountain Cove, North Mountain Vineyard and Winery, Prince Michel Vineyards, Rose Bower Vineyard and Winery, Stonewall Vineyards, Tarara Winery and Vineyard, Williamsburg Winery Ltd., Windy River Winery Ltd., and Winargreen Winery Ltd.

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**SKIPPING IT UP.** The Neptune Festival Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28. Male, female and co-ed teams will compete in different divisions.

## Sandcastle Classic set

The Neptune Festival Sandcastle Classic takes place Sept. 27 and 28 along the beach at 6th and 10th streets.

"We have really expanded the Masters division this year by doubling the entries and increasing the total prize amount to \$6,000" said Donna Tate, chairman of this year's event. "Professional sand-sculptors from as far away as Hawaii, Canada and Washington State are entering their sandcastle masterpieces in the largest East Coast competition of its kind."

As of mid-August Neptune Festival has already 15 entrants in the Masters division, making it the largest field of entrants ever.

Competition is separated into four groups and starts Saturday with the youth category. A \$10 entry fee is required. The competition will be subdivided by elementary, middle and high school age divisions.

On Sunday, businesses and organizations may submit entries for \$50. The Masters Division, with a \$75 entry fee, is a two-day event featuring some of the finest sand-sculptors in the nation. The freestyle competition is an amateur division open to any person or group not wishing to compete in any of the other categories. It takes place Saturday and requires a \$15 entry fee.

## Volleyball tournament

The Neptune Festival Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28 on the beach between 2nd and 4th streets. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues through the day.

"Watching the tournament is almost as exciting as playing in it," said Mike Vandellio, coordinator of the competition. "There will be lots of courts and plenty of healthy competition."

If contestants register by Sept.

25. The cost is \$17.50 per player (\$15 for TVA members) and \$40 per four-person team. After the pre-registration deadline, the cost is \$20 per player and \$50 per team. Late registrations are taken at the tournament site between 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. the day of the event, space permitting. Male, female and co-ed teams compete in different divisions ranging from beginner to advanced.

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# Light rail arouses controversy

## Council defers vote on ISTE, impact study

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The resolution before City Council last week seemed harmless enough.

It asked Congress to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and fund the environmental impact study (EIS) and other engineering studies for

the light rail project between Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

The EIS would cost "only" \$2 million, but what about the \$225 million that the Tidewater Regional Transportation Commission wants to be included in the reauthorization for the federal share of the light rail project?

The localities which would be served by the light rail, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, are expected to pay the other half. The city also has a request for \$10 million for the Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt included in the ISTE reauthorization.

Councilman Louis R. Jones didn't like the idea of the city's going all out for \$225 million for light rail when only \$10 million would be in the hopper for the Southeastern Expressway which is

a higher priority for Virginia Beach.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said he did not understand why \$10 million was in the package for the Parkway while \$225 million was included for light rail which is at least 10 years away.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn, who is a staunch supporter of a light rail line between Norfolk and Virginia Beach, had requested the resolution. She said that nothing was changed from council's previous actions — endorsement of the major investment study for a light rail project on condition that the project would not go forward without a referendum to decide whether the voters wanted light rail and how they would pay for it. She said the resolution is not saying

that the Southeastern Parkway was less important.

Council also conditioned endorsement on the purchase, as part of the initial construction phase, of sufficient property to extend the light rail to the Norfolk International Airport and the Norfolk Naval Base.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that she didn't want to get too far down the line and find that Virginia Beach had no choice but to go ahead.

Robert Matthias, assistant to the city manager and the city's legislative liaison, said that his best guess is that the legislation would be a three year bill and that the next chance the cities would have to go ahead would be in 2000.

Council deferred the resolution for a week by a vote of 9-2 with

councilwomen Strayhorn and Reba McClan dissenting.

Jones said that "we don't want to impart to our representatives in Congress that we think light rail is more important than the Southeastern Expressway."

Virginia Beach has been less than lukewarm about the rail project because of doubts about the benefits the project will accrue to the Beach. Norfolk has been enthusiastic from the start.

Virginia Beach has been enthusiastic about the Southeastern Parkway, while its partner in that regional enterprise, Chesapeake, has been less than enthusiastic, finding other transportation programs, such as Route 168 (Battlefield Boulevard) and Route 17 would be more beneficial to that city.

## Flex suite issue sent to planners

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

City Council has asked the Planning Commission to study an ordinance which would revise the city zoning ordinance in relation to flex suites.

The ordinance now permits flex suites, which are housing additions with kitchen facilities to accommodate senior or handicapped citizens, in agricultural districts and on larger lots R-40, 40,000 square feet; R-30, 30,000 square feet, and R-20, 20,000 square feet, with restrictions. The ordinance would permit the suites in single-family housing on smaller lots.

The change was recommended by the Senior Housing Committee, which would have flex suites permitted in all single-family districts with certain restrictions for a period of one year after which time the revision would be reevaluated for possible modification.

## Red carpet treatment

The first day of school was a memorable one for Green Run High School students, who arrived to find a red carpet awaiting their arrival. Fifty faculty members dressed in formal attire to greet the teens. The opening day festivities marked the kick-off of a year-long campaign called "In the Pursuit of Wow!" Student Larry Draper, strolling up the red carpet, seemed captivated by the welcome.

Photo by Margaret Windley



## — Home Improvement —

# Energy saving tips for your home

Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills, according to the American Gas Association. Here are some tips:

- Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts, with caulking or weather-stripping.
- Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants.
- Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install water-flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.
- Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling

- units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.
- Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter.
- Check to see if attic and

- Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double-paneled glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.
- Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded before

## A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.

basement (or crawl space) has the recommended level of insulation.

■ If you have a woodburning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.

running.

■ When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy saving and lower utility bills.



DOING IT RIGHT. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) has the recommended level of insulation.

## Cleaning house could yield hidden treasures

From time to time, everyone feels the need to dispose of unused items that are

accumulating dust around the house.

So, before winter sets in for good, you decide to start cleaning a long-unattended attic. Among the items you'd like to get rid of is a large steamer trunk left behind by the former owner.

Before disposing of it, however, you decide to examine its contents. A quick look inside reveals some musty old linens. Sorting through them, you find an old baby doll with a lace dress, a tattered bonnet and tiny shoes tucked into a yellow pillowcase.

The doll's head is made of a hard material that is soiled, and the body is loosely jointed. A semi-detached wig seems to be made of human hair.

Closer examination of the doll's camisole reveals a small pin with the word "Heinz." Next to the doll, you discover an old newspaper clipping about a doll contest sponsored by the H.J. Heinz Company in Pittsburgh. The winner of the contest was to receive the doll. Could this be the prize?

To find the answers, you need an experienced and qualified appraiser of personal property.

So, how do you find a professional capable of making these important determinations? Contact the American Society of Appraisers.

For more information about the American Society of Appraisers, call toll free at 1-800-ASA-VALU.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Clubs

The Virginia Beach Jaycees will be presenting the first End of the Summer Bash on Sept. 12 at Waterside Restaurant on 5th and Atlantic. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free. Light snacks will be served and a cash bar available. The End of the Summer Bash is the summer membership drive for the Virginia Beach chapter. For more information, call 497-0671 or 474-2249.

The Hampton Roads Internet Association will meet Sept. 16 at the Virginia Beach Central Library auditorium at 7 p.m. The topic is "A Night of Magic" with an introductory session "Getting on the Internet" beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Single Parents of Virginia Beach will hold a dance for parents and children at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at the KOA Campground on General Booth Blvd. The cost is \$5 for families and \$3 for individuals. For more information, call 498-2666.

### Education

King's Grant Elementary School PTA will kick off the school year with a "tailgate party" on the school grounds on Monday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. The first general meeting of the year will begin at 7:15 p.m. The "tailgate party" will give parents an opportunity to view the programs offered at King's Grant with displays set up inside and outside the school.

The Cox High School PTA will host an open house Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. Parents can meet their students' teachers and staff members and learn about the activities the PTA and school have planned for the academic year.

### Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a breastfeeding class on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9-11 a.m. in the hospital. An "At-Home" class will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 7-9 p.m. in the hospital. A certified lactation consultant will teach the classes. A fee is charged. For more information and to register, call the AtHome Care Maternal/Child Program, 467-4037.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will offer a prepared childbirth class on Friday, Sept. 26 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the AtHome Care Office, 1450 Kempsville Rd. (Oxford Square). For more information and to register, call the AtHome Care Maternal/Child Program, 467-4037.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's emergency center. This free service for cancer patients and their families offers both educational and emotional support. For more information, call 496-6330.

### Recreation

The Kempville Area Library (832 Kempville Rd.) will present a six-week season storytime program for children aged 3 to 5 years old on Thursday, Sept. 11, Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m., Fridays, Sept. 12-Oct. 17 at 10:15 a.m. and Fridays, Sept. 12-Oct. 17 at 11:15 a.m.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would enjoy guiding visitors (mostly children) in an interactive exploration of art through discussion, gallery games and activities, then the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia's center's volunteer docent program needs you. You need not be a former teacher, nor have an art background. Must be available at least one weekday morning each week. Learn more about art and enjoy interaction with staff, other docents and visitors. Call the center at 425-0000 for an application before Sept. 30.



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# Red Barons revive barnstorming days

The Red Baron Stearman Squadron Team will perform aerobatic magic in the sky Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21 at the Neptune Festival Air Show at NAS (Naval Air Station) Oceana in Virginia Beach.

The red and white, smoke-trailing Stearman are original open-air cockpit biplanes reminiscent of aviation's earlier days. The Red Baron Stearman Squadron is the only formation team flying authentic antique aircraft.

The Stearman model A-75 was built in the late 1930s and 1940s as a trainer to prepare pilots of the United States Army and Navy for the more advanced World War II fighter planes.

The Squadron derives its name from the "real" Red Baron, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, who was famous during World War I for personally downing 80 Allied aircraft. The airplane he flew was bright red, hence the nickname "Red Baron."

The tour, sponsored by Red Baron Frozen Pizza, is in an effort to keep the lost art of

Barnstorming alive.

In 1979, the Red Baron Stearman Squadron began barnstorming the nation. Flying nine months out of the year, they have raised millions of dollars for children's charities. The Squadron began flying air shows in 1984 and have won awards for their professionalism and showmanship. This year, the Red Baron Squadron will perform and participate in more than 25 air shows across the United States.

Four pilots that fly the demanding air show schedule:

■ John Bowman has flown for the Red Baron Stearman Squadron since 1982. He has more than 10,000 hours flying time to his credit. He is the lead pilot of the formation aerobatic team.

■ Jim (Sonny) Lovelace flies the "slot" or the back of the diamond formation position. He has more than 10,000 hours flying time. He has flown for the Red Baron Stearman Squadron briefly in 1983 and in 1988 returned as a member of the formation aerobatic team.

■ Randy Drake has flown for the

Red Baron Stearman Squadron since 1990. He has more than 4,000 hours flying time. He is the left wing position of the formation aerobatic team.

Bryan Regan has recorded more than 4,000 flying hours and has been flying over 11 years. Bryan has been flying for the Red Baron Stearman Squadron since 1992. He is the right wing of the formation aerobatic team.

The air show appearance will benefit Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Red Baron will donate a percentage of products sold in the community during Sept. 8-20 to benefit its programs and activities.

The Red Baron Stearman Squadron air show performance will be Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:10 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21 at 1:15 p.m.

Gates open for the Neptune Festival Air Show at 9 a.m. each day, and Red Baron shows are set for 1:10 p.m. Saturday and 1:15 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call 427-3580, ext. 889.



Courtesy Photo

FLYING HIGH. The Red Barons will delight audiences with their stunts during the annual Oceana Air Show this month.

## Little Theatre opens 'Lend Me a Tenor'

The hilarious comedy "Lend Me a Tenor" will be the first show of the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach's 50th anniversary season.

The non-stop farcical comedy takes place in 1934 Cleveland as the Cleveland Grand Opera Company awaits the arrival of the world-famous tenor, Tito Merelli (also known as Il Stupendo).

When he finally sweeps in, too late to rehearse with the company, a series of hilarious mishaps take place, leaving the singer unable to perform. What happens next includes love, laughter and mistaken identity that is guaranteed to leave the audience teary-eyed with laughter.

Directed by Kay Burcher, the cast includes Aaron McGlothlin as Max, John Anderson as Tito, Lucia Forte as Maria, Lesa Azimi as Maggie, Richard Hamilton as Saunders, Karen Buchheim as Julia and Jim Mitchell as the bellhop.

The show, written by Ken Ludwig, was first produced in London by Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Co., and was nominated for the Olivier Award.

It opened on Broadway in March, 1989 and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Play. In addition to winning two Tonys, it won Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critics Circle Awards. It has been performed throughout the world in eight languages.

The play, opening on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m., will have additional evening performances on Sept. 20, 26, 27, Oct. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Matinee performances (3 p.m.) will be on Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5. All performances are at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, located on the corner of 24th Street and Barborton Drive.

Season subscriptions are available or individual tickets are \$10 at the door for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Reservations are required by calling 428-9233.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

#### Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: PUNGO BOROUGH**  
1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, subdivision for Mabel C. Brock. Property is located on the south side of Indian River Road, 1020 feet more or less east of Princess Anne Road. PUNGO BOROUGH.

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: LYNNAVEN BOROUGH**  
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Marsha Lynn Building Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located

on the north side of Camelot Drive beginning at a point 620 feet more or less east of First Colonial Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1724 Camelot Drive and contains 10.059 acres. LYNNAVEN BOROUGH.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BAYSIDE BOROUGH**  
3. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower on the south side of Newtown Road, 220 feet east of Cleeve Abbey. Said parcel is located at 952 Newtown Road and contains 76.133 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Bayside Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church parking lot expansion at the northeast intersection of Pleasure House Road and Northampton Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 1920 Pleasure House Road and contains 3.29 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Central Leasing Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store at the northeast intersection of Independence Boulevard and Pembroke Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 720 Independence Boulevard and contains 31,790.26 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Linda T. Chappell for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational and amusement facility of an outdoor nature on the south side of Dam Neck Road, west of London Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2599 Dam Neck and contains 20 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AE  
If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf)

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## Exhibit defines thin line

"Content/Containment: Exploring the Line between Craft and Art," an exhibition of eight artists' work from Richmond's Hand Workshop Art Center, is on view at Virginia Wesleyan College through Oct. 2 in the Hofheimer Library.

The exhibition was organized by curator Deborah McLeod. An opening reception, free and open to the public, will be held on Friday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., including an informal gallery talk by McLeod at 6 p.m. Library hours are 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday; and, noon to midnight, Sunday.

"The works I have chosen for this show, said McLeod, "not only use a wide range of materials but are also symbolic. Symbolism is their function."

The eight artists either create functional objects, or work in media usually associated with functional crafts.

Virginia Wesleyan College presented this stimulating exhibition from the Hand Workshop, whose mission is to encourage understanding and appreciation of the craft arts, promote artistic excellence and scholarship, and foster artistic development within the Central Virginia area and surrounding region.

The Hand Workshop also offers a variety of classes for adults and children and summer programs for talented inner-city children. The exhibiting artists are:

■ Susanne Arnold, an independent curator and artist, is represented by small-scale encaustic and bronze sarcophagi, often having associations with ancient

archeology and ruins.

■ Kate Fitt, a book artist, creates handmade books that record memories.

■ Allan Rosenbaum, an assistant professor in the department of crafts at VCU, shows poetic objects in ceramics.

■ Diana Detamore, adjunct professor at VCU, is represented with huge oil pastels of vessels.

■ Jude Schlotzhauer, an adjunct professor in the department of crafts at VCU, shows objects made of cast and fused glass.

■ Marlene Jack, a professor of art and art history at the College of William and Mary, is represented by earthenware constructions of landscape and cityscape motifs.

■ Frederick Chiriboga, an artist originally from Ecuador who now resides in Richmond, shows images constructed of combinations of natural and industrial materials such as leather, steel, wood and glass.

■ Tom Wessells, a psychotherapist and furniture maker from New York, is represented by chests of surprising design, constructed from a variety of exotic woods.

For more information, call 455-3361.

## CBN Ministries schedules money management meet

CBN Ministry Events will present its first financial conference, "Money Management," on Oct. 30-Nov. 2 at The Founders Inn and Conference Center.

Special guest speakers will be Larry Burkett, best-selling author and founder of Christian Financial Concepts and Dr. Pat Robertson, host of "The 700 Club" and founder of The Christian Broadcasting Network.

The sessions will feature Jonathan Steinberg, author of the acclaimed "Midast Investing: How You Can Make At Least 20% in the Stock Market This Year and Every Year," and Bruce Anderson, president of Church Development Systems.

This four-day event will offer in-depth teachings on such topics as investment principles, current and future economic trends, personal budgeting and church finances.

For more information and registration, call 1-800-677-8117.



Courtesy Photos

## Showing that they care

The community gave special meaning to the United Way's Day of Caring last week for residents of Virginia Beach Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. Volunteers from Essex Savings Bank took part in a celebration organized by Peggy Patton and Bernadette Ambolo, program director of the Citizens Committee to Protect the Elderly. The day included makeup sessions, manicures and visits from nursing-sized teddy and panda bear mascots. Historically, residents of nursing homes respond to touch and need the involvement of the community to enhance their quality of life. Terry Seay, the center's activity director, said, "The residents need the hugs and attention so much. You've brought people out of their rooms who haven't been in the dining room for an event for the longest time."



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## Activities for kids highlight exhibition

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is offering several innovative and entertaining educational programs in conjunction with the exhibition "Forces: Art for the End of the 20th Century."

A multi-media exhibition consisting of 13 "high-tech" artworks, "Forces" comments on culture's current relationship to technology.

In keeping with scientific and interactive nature of the exhibit, the center's education department will establish a special "Do Touch" area in the Fleming Gallery, where young patrons can explore — through fun, tactile activities — the scientific principles behind the artwork in Forces. These include magnetism, light waves and sound waves.

On Oct. 18, children aged 5 to 7 and 8 to 10 are invited to "move it" with professional dancers from the Second Wind Dance Company. The kinetic artwork in "Forces" — featuring bubbles, robotics, magnetism and more — will serve as inspiration for a creative movement workshop. Admission is free, but parents are required to make reservations.

Curious children of all ages can visit with our local "Einstein," Dr. David Wright of Tidewater Community College, on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

In this lively workshop, (based on his national TV appearances on "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien") Wright will involve children and families in all kinds of entertaining experiments and demonstrations that reveal the secrets of physical science. Kids will have so much fun, they won't even realize they're learning! Parents and children can attend one session or all three. Admission is free.

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## Marlin tourney casts off

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This year, 22 boats entered the competition. Most of them were local, although a few came from Oregon Inlet, according to Jim Sculley, owner of Fisherman's Wharf Marina and another tournament co-sponsor.

Each boat is manned by a captain, crew and four or five anglers who lure the marlin with ballyhoo, a small baitfish.

It's possible for one angler to catch a fish that large by himself, but he needs back-up from the captain and crew members, the fishermen said.

"There can be a lot of pressure if the fish is taking the line," according to Neil Woolfolk, captain of The Bandit, one of the competing boats.

An inexperienced angler "might not be too capable of hanging onto the line, and it can pull him out. A good captain will pull the boat back" to give the angler leverage. A bad captain who isn't sure how to move the boat "makes it a lot harder," Woolfolk continued.

"It's a real work-out to catch one of those fish," Woolfolk said.

"It's pretty hard to do," agreed Steve Richardson, who's been fishing for 30 years.

You have to know how to hook the fish and you have to be in the right area, and it

takes some people a lifetime to get the knack. The fish do a lot of jumping, but that's what people like about it."

**The challenge** of catching those fish is what lures most sports fishermen out on the water, the participants said. This tournament also included a category for "meat fish" such as tuna and dolphin fish.

These large fish prefer warm water, and most local sports fishermen catch them in the Gulf Stream about 40 miles off of the Virginia Beach coast.

These men and women are usually a close-knit group people, Sculley said, and the socialization is one of the things that draws them to the water. "They like the water, the boats and the camaraderie," he said. "Every big boat owner knows every other big boat owner."

"It's fun," agreed Ron Sadowski, who caught a yellow fin tuna Saturday. "It gets me away from the office."

Other competitors admitted that they fished for the opportunity to spend a day out on the ocean and away from the ringing telephone. Some even said that they took advantage of the peace and quiet to catch up on some sleep.

"We sleep and eat a lot out there," one said.

The tournament attracted

veteran captains, crew members and fishermen and the comradeship was obvious Saturday when they brought their catches in to be weighed. The tanned, relaxed group strolled the docks, stopping to chat and congratulate each other on that day's catches. For the novice fisherman, there was a special initiation rite.

"I caught my first blue marlin today," said one participant as he mopped his face with a towel. He had, he explained, been dunked into the marlin by his fellow fisherman "because that's an initiation. You get wet when you catch your first marlin."

The sponsors, which included the Bank of Hampton Roads, Fisherman's Wharf Marina and Calcutta's Restaurant and Bar, offered a \$7,000 to the three winners in the billfish, or marlin category. Meatfish competitors were lured by the possibility of winning the entire amount of entry fees.

Because the marlin weren't brought into shore to be weighed, the competitors were ranked according to how many marlin they caught.

Both Sculley and Gibson said that they were pleased with this year's turnout. "There used to be a Cape Henry tournament," Scully said, "and we just feel that Virginia Beach needs a major tournament. We hope that this is the beginning of it."



UP, UP AND AWAY. This 69-pound tuna was caught Saturday by Mark Newman in Virginia Beach's first Invitational Marlin Tournament.

## Study makes Rudee recommendations

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\$146,000. A third shift would cost an additional \$200,000.

While a larger dredge, according to the report, would permit dredging in more adverse wave conditions and negate the need to contract out the dredging of the entrance channel bar, the cost would require a capital outlay of \$1.3 million plus more personnel (\$363,000) and \$1,052,000 for subsequent years.

But the existing dredge, the study concludes has the capacity to manage the annual volume of deposition, excluding the shoal at the entrance.

The study also concluded that privatization would be too expensive.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the college of William and Mary, recently released a report on

the economic important of saltwater angling to Virginia 1994, anglers spent \$54 million pursuing Gulf Stream species such as tuna, marlin, sailfish, dolphin and shark. Fishing and general recreation are the primary uses of boats in Rudee Inlet.

By spending approximately \$557,000 for the six additional personnel, training, adding a velocity gauge/speed compass, deepening the sand trap by five feet and increasing suction/discharge to 16 inches, the production rate could be increased from its present annual bypass of 74,000 cubic yards a year to 427,000 cubic yards, according to the study.

**Councilman** W.W. Harrison Jr. said that he had received many complaints about the appearance of the dredge in the inlet when it is not in operation.

He also raised the possibility of damaging property in the event the dredge broke loose.

The Rudee Inlet II, an Ellicott 970 14 inch cutterhead, was purchased in 1987 for \$900,000 with the expectation that it would

serve for the next 50 years, said Phillip Roehrs, city coastal engineer. He said that a factory representative looked at the dredge six months ago and said that the dredge is valued more today than the day it was purchased. Roehrs said that the city spent \$35,000 to \$80,000 a year for parts.

He said that while the dredge is not suitable for the open ocean, when that work is needed the city can contract out for the service. Referring to an article in the

Boat/U.S. magazine for this month, Harrison said that the city can't overcome an article like this. The article is entitled "Sand Trap" and relates problems with Rudee Inlet and the litigation against the city.

The city is planning to have a session for public comment on the issue. Councilwoman Reba McClanahan suggested the period for public comment. She said that she would like improvements to be a long-time thing.

Councilman Linwood Branch,

who has been receiving much of the queries on the inlet, said that he would like to have one persons responsible and on site who can answer questions and make decisions. He said that options should be presented before the public is asked for its input.

The report was prepared by Langley and McDonald in association with Turner consulting, Inc., Coastal Planning and Engineering, Inc., and David Miller & Associates, Inc.

## Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo returns to the Beach

Special to the Sun

Returning to Hampton Roads, the Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo kicks off the African American Cultural Council's '97 Festival of Pride Oct. 4-5 at the Princess Anne Park Horse Arena.

The rodeo is designed to bring cultural awareness to the Tidewater area, as well as pay homage to the long forgotten, and often ignored, black cowboy. Witnessing the phenomenal feats of these internationally recognized champions will offer a unique entertaining and learning experience for people of all ages.

Lu Vason, founder and producer of the rodeo, said, "The idea of a Black Rodeo captured my attention in 1977 during the Wyoming Cheyenne Frontier Day Festival."

There Vason observed a small number of black cowboys participating and wondered if the general public was aware of the black cowboy's role and contribution in the westward expansion of the United States.

In 1984, Vason was determined

that it was time to alert the public of the contributions of the long forgotten black cowboy and held the first Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo in Denver Colo., with thousands in attendance. Thanks to Vason, the story of the black cowboy is now being told coast to coast and for the second time here in Hampton Roads.

The rodeo is named after the legendary Bill Pickett, a black cowboy in the old west who invented many of the cow roping techniques seen in modern day rodeos.

Several years ago, Pickett was honored with an U.S. commemorative postage stamp. American history books and media have failed to provide accurate information about his black cowboy and other minorities. Most popular adventures in history books, as well as on and off the silver and television screen, depict the conquerors of the west as an all-white venture.

Blacks have largely been ignored on the cattle trails and their discoveries on the Old West.

Clarice Hart, instructor at Norfolk State University and a retired Virginia Beach teacher said, "This is an excellent opportunity for our people to learn more about themselves and develop a sense of

pride that has been lost through the lack of knowledge. We have done so much and so little have been done to let the world know that we are more than history has credited us with."

The African-American Cultural Council of Virginia Beach, a non-profit organization, was formed by a group of multi-cultural residents who saw a need to bring culturally aware, educationally oriented and entertaining events to enrich the lives of all citizens in the immediate Hampton Roads area, as well as outside.

The first show of the rodeo is at 10:30 a.m. at the Princess Anne Horse Arena. This is a day reserved for students, senior citizens, nursing home residents and others. Tickets are priced at \$5. Local clubs and organizations are being asked to sponsor groups unable to pay to attend the event.

Additional shows are scheduled for Oct. 4-5 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the gate. Children aged 12 years pay \$7. Active duty military discounts are available.

The '97 Festival of Pride continues the following weekend with a free Youth GospelFest Oct. 11-12 from noon to 7 p.m. on the 24th Street stage. Call 460-3093 for ticket information.

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## Benefit rodeo rounds up a winning weekend

Organizers say largest crowds in years packed Princess Anne arena

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

Genia Brown was glad to be home. "Home" means many things to the rodeo barrel racer.

It's the dust of the ring, the bright

lights, the announcer's booming twang, the clown's antics and, frankly, the earthy fragrance of horses and livestock.

Gates County, N.C. is Brown's real home, but the rodeo comes close to first in her heart — especially when it's for a good cause. That's why she was especially glad to lend a hand at last weekend's Tidewater Western Riders (TWR) World Championship Rodeo.

The annual event, held at Princess Anne Park, has contributed more than \$70,000 to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters since 1988. This year organizers hoped to double last year's take of \$15,000.

"We don't have the figures in yet," rodeo chairman Gene Snow said Tuesday as "tear down" from the three-day event was in progress. "I can tell you, though, that this year was a darned good one."

Snow and wife Donna, rodeo president, were aiming to make 1997



L'I PARTNER. Gates County, N.C. resident and rodeo competitor Genia Brown said rodeos are a family affair. She proved it by bringing along 3-year-old daughter Alexa — all decked out in cowgirl attire, of course.

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### Biz after hours

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater. The monthly networking event provides an opportunity for members of the business community to interact in a relaxed setting. Cost is \$7 for chamber members and \$12 for non-members. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 664-2576.

### Good eating

The Sixth Annual Gourmet Gala to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Norfolk. The event will feature gourmet food from 40 top restaurants, bands with continuous dance music and other live entertainment. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call 622-3317 for ticket information.

### Time travel

Take a step back into the 18th century by participating in the Colonial Skills and Scout's Day at the Lynnhaven House on Saturday, Sept. 27 from noon to 4 p.m. The day will include a visit from a frontier long hunter and a Virginia frontiersman, each of whom will tell of frontier experiences and explain their equipment: 18th-century costumed docents spinning, weaving and dying cloth, making lace and soap, weaving baskets, making candles and marbling paper; Colonial "fiddler" music; Indian dances by Scout Troop 493; bobbing for apples; and, tours of the house. Scouts and Scout leaders wearing uniforms or showing proof of membership will be admitted at half price. Admission for adults is \$3; students 6 to 18, \$1; Scouts/leaders, 50 cents; and, children under 6, free. Call 456-0351 or 481-2145 for more information.

### Practical Picasso?

Regent University Theatre officially opens its new season on Sept. 26 with the first of three student-generated productions on the schedule this year. "Practical Uses For A Picasso" is an original work by Chuck Goodin, who is completing his master's degree in communication.

The play debuts Friday, Sept. 26 and runs Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For more information and reservations call the Regent University Theatre Box Office, 579-4245.

### Touch a truck!

Trucks of all shapes and sizes will be available for touching and sitting on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Princess Anne Recreation Center from 1 to 3 p.m. See Virginia Beach's fleet of trucks from the departments of fire, police, rescue, public utilities and recycling. Race cars will also be on hand. A membership car or day pass is required. For more information, call 426-0022.

### Financing college

College Financial Services will host a free college financial aid workshop on Wednesday at the Commonwealth College campus, 301 Centre Pointe Dr. in Virginia Beach, and Thursday at the Greenbrier Holiday Inn, 725 Woodlake Dr. in Chesapeake. Both workshops will start at 7 p.m. They will focus on helping students and their families maximize their financial aid and pay for college without breaking the bank.

### Chamber leadership

Connie W. Long, vice president of membership and organizational development for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, was elected treasurer for the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. It is a one-year term. Long has served on the VACCCE board for five years. Two other senior staff members, chamber President and CEO John A. Hornbeck Jr. and Senior Vice President for Regional Development Ira M. Agricola have served terms as president of the state association.

### Parenting help

"Principles of Parenting," a newsletter series to help parents strengthen their parenting skills and develop strong and caring children, is being distributed by local Extension offices. The 13 publications are simple statements of researched parenting principles along with stories and illustrations in a comfortable easy reading style. The series will begin the last week of September and mailed every other week for six weeks. To enroll or for more information, call Chesapeake Extension, 382-6349, or Virginia Beach Extension, 427-4769.

## Show blows into museum — just in time for hurricane season here

By Bob Rueggesser  
Correspondent

Coastal storms and hurricanes are an integral part of the cycle of life in Virginia Beach, especially during the hurricane season.

While no one can predict what havoc this fall's hurricane season will bring to the Beach and its residents, the Old Coast Guard Station Museum at 24th and Atlantic has assembled a photo exhibit and information relating to the destruction that past storms have inflicted upon Virginia Beach and its citizens.

The coastal storms exhibit "Hold on to Your Hats" is being displayed in the museum's lower gallery through Sunday, Nov. 2.

Each year hurricanes storm through the Caribbean and up the Atlantic coast, bringing heavy rainfall, high winds and flooding — along with considerable anxiety.

When a hurricane is first spotted, an alert, called a watch, is

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## 'Hold on to Your Hats' spurs memories of 'the big ones'

By Bob Rueggesser  
Correspondent

Since Bill and Shirley Weller moved to Princess Anne County in the 1930s, they've seen their share of violent storms and hurricanes.

When Shirley's father, Gilbert

Yarus, moved his family from Norfolk to the Princess Anne County waterfront near Chesapeake Bay in 1932, there was no Little Creek Road, no Naval Amphibious Base, and little else but farmland near the lots where he built their home.

Shirley's family arrived just in time to experience the hurricane of Aug. 22-23, 1933.

The local newspapers at the time (Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, and The Portsmouth Star) billed this storm as "Tidewater's worst storm."

According to "A Pictorial Record of Tidewater's Worst Storm," a contemporary source, "The storm, the worst in the history of this section, raged for hours, leveling or damaging hundreds of homes, uprooting thousands of trees and driving before it tide water of unprecedented depths."

Shirley, who was 6 years old at the time, has vivid memories of the winds the blew off part of their roof, the flood waters that came up to her chest and the evacuation of her family from their home.

"The wind was blowing, and they sent me out the back door to go get into the car," Shirley recalled.

"And the water came up to here," she added indicating the water level with her hand. "But we made it into town where my grandmother lived and we stayed with her," she said with an air of relief.

Bill's family moved to Princess Anne County a few years after the

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WEATHERING THE YEARS. There's no doubt that the Old Coast Guard Station has seen its share of hurricanes throughout the years. Now it's hosting an exhibit tracing them.

## Exhibit sews up a stitch in time

Land House hosts sampler guild display through Oct. 4

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld  
Correspondent

The Francis Land House's latest exhibit has history all sewn up. "A stitch in time" rarely has such meaning.

The Tidewater Sampler Guild's seventh annual juried exhibit, a display of needlework in reproduction and original form, is drawing sewing buffs to the historic home.

The display continues through Oct. 4. Among the features are traditional marker samplers, which provided the sewer a reference for how a particular

letter was stitched, inspirational pieces with wise sayings or Bible verses, and purely decorative pieces with bird, flower and animal motifs.

Also displayed are several friendship samplers. It was the custom for a lady to begin a sampler and circulate it among friends for each to stitch a band of color and design. The piece then returned to the owner as a keepsake.

To show their appreciation to the landmark house for hosting the exhibit, guild members have made a friendship sampler for the Francis Land House.

Instead of bands of color, they stitched a representation of the house and grounds and the body of water which at one time was a short distance from the house. This large piece is on display over a tea table near the side entry and gift shop, along with other guild samplers.

The remainder of the exhibit is displayed against the red brick walls in the cellar.

Samplers were stitched by girls of the late 18th-century plantation gentry class to practice the skills used to mark linens for the laundry, to decorate clothes and simply to express their artistic leanings.

A girl could show by her handwork that she was an accomplished homemaker and marriageable.

Mark Reed, museum administrator, said stitching samplers was a skill taught young ladies of the gentry class at school. Ladies of the time also stitched samplers as a form of entertainment during daylight hours. The candlelight of the evening hours provided very poor light for the intricate work.

Guild members' samplers will be judged by Lucy Lyons Willis of Richmond on for technique and color.

The Tidewater Sampler Guild was founded in 1990 by ladies who had an appreciation of historic samplers stitched between 1500 and the 1800s,

according to member Diane Slifer. The nearly 60 members meet on the second Sunday of every other month in Old Donation Church off Wickham Road. It is reported to be the first sampler guild in the United States.

Guild members will pass their needlework skills on to others during a "Take An Old Stitch" class at the Land House on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m.

Novice to expert stitchers will learn basic cross stitch, queen stitch, and the Algerian eye stitch. The class is appropriate for children and adults. Reservations are required, and children must be accompanied by an adult. For reservations, call 431-4000.

The sampler exhibit, class and tours of the house are included in the regular museum admission price of \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens, \$1.50 for students and \$1 for children 6 to 12.

The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Commentary

## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

### America must not forget

Take a moment to think about someone you love dearly. Imagine the special moments you've shared. Reflect on how this person's encouragement instilled hope during a dark moment. Consider the countless times this person filled your life with a sense of purpose.

Now imagine how you would feel if that special person was gone, without so much as an explanation. You have no word on whether your loved one is dead or alive.

The first natural impulse is to seek help in finding the missing person. Authorities, families and communities come together every day in the United States to find missing Americans.

But what about our American servicemen and women who traveled thousands of miles to defend the principles of freedom and democracy, only to disappear in some foreign land. We must not forget either their sacrifices or the sacrifices of their families for the country.

Today, Sept. 19, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, a time to remember those brave servicemen and women and their families in our prayers. It is also a time to reflect on our obligation to them as the American people: to have the fullest possible POW/MIA accounting. Each case should be solved, either by turning over live prisoners, repatriating the remains of those who were killed in action or died in captivity, or providing a valid, conclusive report when neither is possible.

American servicemen and their families are entitled to the truth.

Try imagining life without a special person. Then you may feel just a fraction of the frustration that families of POW/MIAs face each day, year after year. From the servicemen's perspective, every one of their deserves a homecoming.

Decades have passed since combat in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War, yet thousands remain unaccounted for — 78,000 from World War II, 8,000 from Korea, 130 from the Cold War, and 2,200 from the Vietnam War.

Nothing less than full POW/MIA accounting will sufficiently end the war for lost servicemen and their loved ones back home whose lives have been forever changed. Keep them in your thoughts this National POW/MIA Recognition Day. — V.E.H.



## New trends don't measure up

I have often been accused of living in the dark ages, refusing to acknowledge the changing world. The critics may be right.

The radio at home is never switched from the station playing '50s and '60s tunes. My car radio, which has up to five lock-in buttons, is only tuned to two stations — the same one as the house and the other playing rock and roll from the '60s, '70s and early '80s.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but the music that the "modern" stations pour out across the airwaves today is hardly what I would call music.

This is the same lament my father made back in the late '50s and early '60s when that tiny Japanese marvel, the transistor radio, hung by a cord from my bedpost. Of course, I still don't understand why he didn't think the music I listened to was any good.

After all, I appreciated the Big Band sounds he called quality music, and I still like hearing the strains of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw and company.

During the Memorial Day holiday period, I was invited by my good friend Frank to join him and his fam-

### I abided three days of the most God-awful caterwauling ever.

ity at their wooded lot for a weekend of camping. A Navy lifer, Frank annually invites some of the "orphans" from his command to join in the three days of fun.

These kids were mostly 18 to 21 years old, full of life and ready for a long weekend away from duty, orders and similar stuff. They showed up with their portable CD players and enough CDs to stock a store. While I have my favorite type of music, I can usually tolerate most any genre — in small doses.

I abided three days of the most God-awful caterwauling ever to make its way through my hearing channels. I never got around to asking "who" a particular group was, only continuously wondering aloud and to myself, "what" it was. One of the band names that received a lot of play time that weekend was Marilyn Manson.

The group has come under fire from many groups in recent years because of the songs lyrics. I question how anyone could tell what the lyrics are. It just sounded like a bunch of screaming backed up by squeals and noises coming from musical instruments. No tune, no melody, no sense.

Marilyn Manson was not the only

one, just the one whose name I can remember. But they could all have been called Marilyn Manson since to me they all sounded exactly alike.

But, if that is what today's young people want to listen to, be it alternative, rap or whatever, more power to them. Maybe embracing the harsh lyrics is their way of striking back at an establishment they have yet to really meet head-on. Much like many in my generation who "tuned in, turned on and dropped out."

Yet many in the latter group turned out OK. I won't necessarily include myself in that group, that shall be left up to others. But all in all, the hippies, yuppies, guppies, bippies and other "ippies" from three decades haven't done so bad by themselves or for others. Just as our fathers and mothers didn't really lay such a bad framework for us.

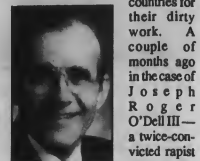
Getting back to the music though, it is interesting that while many of the musical groups coming around in concerts seem to have a hard time selling out concert dates, groups from the '50s, '60s and '70s who broke up only to get back together again after 20 years can sell out at almost any venue.

And the granddaddies of rock and roll, literally and figuratively, The Rolling Stones, are about to embark on yet another concert tour and should be able to command any price for a ticket and sell out every stop.

I question whether Marilyn Manson will even be a footnote in musical history five years from now, much less command the attention of music lovers 40 years down the road as the Stones have and/or will do.

## Death penalty opponents: same story, new man

It should be obvious by now to the people of Virginia that the anti-death penalty crowd have centered their attention here and are using foreign



### The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

of this condemned killer.

Allen refused and justice was served. His remains were sent to Italy, where he was considered a hero. This might have started a trend that will be helpful for the United States. If foreign countries will take the bodies of all of our executed killers, we can use the space to bury law-abiding citizens.

Now we have another foreign country trying to pressure Allen to spare the life of convicted murderer Mario Benjamin Murphy. Mexican officials have asked Allen to send Murphy to Mexico to "serve out a prison term there." Murphy was convicted and sentenced to death for his involvement in a murder-for-hire scheme in the death of Navy cook James Radcliff, whose wife was charged with masterminding his death.

Murphy was sentenced to death on Oct. 18, 1995. Murphy's appeals have gone all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court, who on Sept. 12 refused to stay the execution and refused to review the case. Mexico's request to Allen to "let him serve out a prison term there" is a joke. He was sentenced to death, not a prison term.

I can just see it now. If Gov. Allen agreed to let Murphy go to Mexico (which he won't), Murphy would be out of jail and back in the U.S. with the first wave of illegal immigrants to cross the border into California. The U.S. and Mexico can't stop the flood of immigrants or drugs, so what's to stop Murphy should he escape or be released?

Mexico can't assure the U.S. that it won't happen, so why should Murphy be given the opportunity to return to the streets of America to kill again or perhaps run for Congress from California? Stranger things have happened in this country, so if all goes well by the time this edition hits the streets, Murphy will be dead by lethal injection and another murderer will have been deterred from ever committing another one.

If Mexico wants his remains, I say let them have him. Perhaps they will erect a statue in his honor.

With all of the problems Mexico has, it's difficult to understand how they have the time to stick their nose into the business of Virginia. Those foreign countries who do attempt to pressure Allen are wasting their time. Thank you, Gov. Allen.

Welcome to the real world.

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About twice a year or so I get something so interesting in the mail that it inspires me to write a column.

Being the editor of three community newspapers, I am greeted by a deluge of press releases, junk mail, sales pitches, gimmicks and just plain weird stuff.

Consider the time I received a steak made of cardboard or the toothbrush with dual heads (don't ask to explain how that worked)...or the plastic spoon, knife and fork as a teaser from a food corporation promising I could use them for "all the good food you're going to get this summer."

I eagerly awaited that "good food." It never came.

Then a thick envelope landed on my desk this morning. The girls in the office, used to the oddities that arrive here via the U.S. Postal Service, urged me to open it immediately. They started hedging bets, mostly that it was a T-shirt.

They were correct. Well, sort of correct.

I tore open the envelope and out poured a thick press kit, a pair of men's briefs and a T-shirt. All courtesy of Fruit of the Loom.

"What the heck?" coworker Andrea wandered, cying the underwear.

"What we've got here is a very

interesting promotion," I said.

I picked up the underwear. Stamped firmly on the rump was a large yellow and pink logo proclaiming "Take The Comfort Challenge" Official Test Team. The gray T-shirt bore the same stamp.

I looked at the size. Yep, it was my husband's underwear size. The question was whether he would wear something with "Take The Comfort Challenge" printed in glowing yellow and neon pink on his butt. I knew for sure that he wouldn't wear the T-shirt, but I had a coworker who was eager to take it off my hands.

That left me with the underwear. I began to study the folder of information that accompanied it.

The first paragraph of the first press release (one of many) began:

"On the surface it appeared to be just another hot and steamy day for Fruit of the Loom CountryFest '97 fans at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. However, dispersed among the unsuspecting concert-goers were thousands of consumers wearing and testing underwear as part of Fruit of the Loom's Take The Comfort Challenge."

Hmmm. The press release continued to say that among the crowd of 220,000, about 2,500 volunteers were selected to put on the "new and improved" briefs and put 'em to the test. They "wore the briefs, pushed, pulled and flung their briefs to examine the benefits of the new cotton-covered legbands."

Hold on a minute here. Would I have liked to witness this or what? Imagine 2,200 people flinging underwear about like there was no tomorrow. Flashing their privies for all the world to see. Putting the briefs on display for the world.

The question remains of whether

they were wearing them.

The press release challenged me to put these briefs to the test. Well, being a woman and seeing that they're men's briefs with a waist about two sizes too large, I've tucked them in my briefcase to take home.

Even will be the guinea pig — if I can get him to wear something stamped with a pink and yellow sign. It's highly doubtful, but I'll try. I could not wait his underwear for the next two weeks, then he'd have to wear them. He'd be stuck with the "tester" undies.

Let's give him the benefit of the doubt and say he agrees to take the challenge. Can you see me recording the results?

First he'd have to put them on, then I'd order him to perform a few strenuous, stretching move to see if the cotton and elastic have "give." Then I'd order him to do some gymnastics, followed by some lounging about to determine the comfort factor. Being that Evan often likes to lounge in his underwear, the latter is very important.

Of course, the test would end by me washing the underwear a few times to determine its durability. After that I'd send the results off to Fruit of the Loom.

If they liked the results, they might just send Evan a lifetime supply of "new and improved" Fruit of the Loom briefs, hopefully without the "Official Test Team" logo.

One thought, though. Mom always told me to wear clean underwear because you never know when you'll be an accident. Can you imagine the hospital technician's face if an "official tester" were to be wheeled in wearing his test undies?

Now that expression would be a sight worth seeing!

## Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

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## Sister City program marks special day with concert, ceremony

The Sister City concept was inaugurated by the president of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding be-



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

between the peoples of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact. All succeeding United States presidents have endorsed this program for the broad purpose of the exchange of ideas between the citizens of the United States

Miyazaki and directed 95-member Miyazaki City Philharmonic Orchestra in the world premier concert for this occasion. The Cape Henry Rotary Club and Miyazaki Chuo Rotary Club became Sister Rotary, and Sister Schools were created between the two school systems.

Virginia Beach has been represented in the Marathon Game for the Visually Impaired twice in Miyazaki. Old Dominion University students had excellent educational exchange programs with Miyazaki Municipal University for the past several years. Voices of Virginia Governor's Magnet school students visited Miyazaki City for special performances and school exchanges. The city of Miyazaki sent 22 junior high school students to Virginia Beach in 1991 and 1997 for the educational and cultural exchange programs.

In the fall of 1995, Tsumura and his city council members visited Virginia Beach during the Neptune Festival.

Virginia Beach and Miyazaki, both yearning to be the best convention and resort city in the world, will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of Sister City Accord. The major delegations, with more than 100 people from Miyazaki, including Mayor Tsumura and the renowned Miyazaki City Wind Orchestra will come to Virginia Beach to celebrate the most emblematic occasion from Sept. 23-27.

The Ceremony of Welcome will be conducted in the City Council Chamber from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25. Dedication of the Miyazaki Garden will be at Red Wing Park off General Booth Boulevard at 1 p.m. that afternoon.

Miyazaki has donated a stone lantern, called "yukimigata toro" which means "snow viewing lantern," that is traditional to the Japanese garden. Miyazaki also presented a gift of Hanuwa doll to be placed in the garden.

Haniwa is a replica of ancient art forms of people, warriors, animals and symbols that are found in Miyazaki, Japan Education Culture Center, a volunteer organization promoting US-Japan programs in Virginia Beach donated the traditional stone bridge in the newly-created pond of the Japanese garden. The Miyazaki City Wind Orchestra will perform a free concert at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the 24th Street Park. Some of the special repertoires will be "Messages from Great Nature," "Fantasy of Miyazaki Folk Songs," "Miyazaki Image Melody," "Ooyodo River Theme: Symphonic Poem" and "Sunset in Takachio."

We believe this is by far the best example of true sisterhood and brotherhood where the citizens of two communities nine thousand miles away pouring their energy to join the festivities with such exuberance and excitement — a symbol of friendship, that transcends the language barrier with a just appreciation of each other's diversity and the warmth of good fellowship.

It is evident that the citizens of both cities are benefiting greatly from the wonderful opportunities provided through the volunteer efforts of the Sister City programs. It is duly appropriate to honor all the people who are committed to the noble aim of international understanding and world peace.

Ruth Hodges Smith, city clerk and Sister City liaison, contributed to this column.

## Properties deleted from Cultural Overlay District

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

City Council last week deleted some property from the Princess Anne County Courthouse Historical and Cultural Overlay District, but the Planning Commission will continue to look at the overall district to create a reasonable pattern.

Deleted were the Lynnhaven Baptist Church site and the Agape Church site and a small corner of the TPC golf course property adjacent to the church sites that would have been left isolated otherwise.

Other recommendations for deletion from the district had been tabled by the Planning Commission.

Planning Director Robert Scott said that in looking at the boundaries it was difficult to explain why the boundaries were

where they were. He said that churches don't need to be subject to architectural approval.

He said that the Planning Commission was trying to make a reasonable pattern and look at the road system.

Councilwoman Reba McClanan said that her concern is that the property owners don't want to be in the zone. She said the city has too much invested in the Municipal Center to back off now. She said the center was "possibly the most beautiful municipal center in the country." She said that the property owners made a choice and have an obligation.

Scott said that some properties have been left out of the zone that shouldn't be. "Now we have a pretty much hit or miss program."

Changing back and forth, said Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn, is the kind of thing that gives the city a bad name.

## Up close and personal

### Betty Lou Olliges: Step by step

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

"When America was infected with the 'disco fever' craze in the '70s, Betty Lou Olliges had just the medicine."

The veteran dance instructor began teaching disco at Kempsville Community Recreation Center shortly after its May 1977 opening.

"Those were the days of only one full-service recreation center in the city of Virginia Beach," she remembered. "In-person class registration was held in the center court at Pembroke Mall. Perspective students were lined up for hours to make sure they got a spot in the class."

Waiting lists were endless, too, for classes taught by Olliges. She was cranking out six to 10 sessions per week with 50 participants per class.

While "disco fever" has cooled, Olliges is still a familiar face to Virginia Beach residents ready to boogie. Through two decades of dance crazes — from the hustle to dirty dancing, the foxtrot to macarena — she's been in step, every step of the way.

"My parents were fitness enthusiasts and dance teachers," Olliges explained. "Then I went to Indiana University, where I learned not only how to do gymnastics and dance, but how to teach it. I graduated with a bachelor's degree, married and continued on with a master's."

Her motto is "Dancing is for life, for all people and for all ages to enjoy," and Olliges' work is proof. She had taught folk dances to young Peace Corps volunteers and ballroom dancing to young men who wanted to impress college coeds. In between, she's also managed a few classes in aquatics and synchronized swimming.

The Green Run resident once co-owned a dance studio in Virginia Beach and taught for Chesapeake Parks and Recreation and the Jewish Community Center of Tidewater. She still teaches for Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, does an evening program for Norfolk Public Schools and operates a private program, Dance For Fun.

Though she's seen everything from "the mashed potato" to the twist, classic ballroom dancing remains Olliges' favorite. "It has been the standard for years and years, but a lot of people equate it with older people," she said. "Young people, as I've noticed, were too busy with their children and extracurricular activities. But lately that's been changing. Touch dancing is beginning to be more popular."

Ballroom dances hosted by Virginia Beach recreation centers on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons are a good way to slowly become acquainted with the new.

"I also advise students at different lodges and clubs around the town that are open to non-members. Five times yearly I coordinate dance parties for all students consisting of a ballroom dance, two old-fashioned hoedowns, an Oktoberfest with the German Club and a gala, semi-formal Snow Ball. Practice makes perfect," she noted.

That's not to say Olliges doesn't keep up with "the faddish stuff" and has been known to strut her stuff to line dances, salsa, even dirty dancing.

"That's the good thing about dancing," she said. "It's supposed to be fun. But I teach good technique — no sloppy stuff."

In the future Olliges would like to start a coed-style dance program for young people. In the meantime, her fall schedule is packed with classes at Princess Anne Recreation Center on Tuesday nights and Great Neck on Fridays. Her continuing goal is to introduce a love of dance to beginners and inspire more experienced dancers.

"You may not be the best dancer, but you can still have fun no matter what," she added.

For more information on class schedules and lessons, call 463-3097.

Name: Betty Lou Olliges.

What brought you to this area: Ex-husband's and father's last duty station.

Hometown: Covington, Ky.

Nickname: B.L. for Betty Lou. Also, Lulu was supposed to be Grammy Lou, but a granddaughter could only say Lulu.



"It has been the standard for years and years, but a lot of people equate it with older people. Young people, as I've noticed, were too busy with their children and extracurricular activities."

Betty Lou Olliges, dance instructor

Occupation: Dance director/instructor and activity assistant for Sentara.

Marital Status: Divorced.

Children: Three: Lt. Cdr. John L. Olliges, a Navy pilot; Robert K. Olliges, a computer specialist; and, Barbara L. Olliges, in graduate training to become an ophthalmologist technician.

Favorite movies: "On Golden Pond," "Homeward Bound" and "Out to Sea."

Magazines I read regularly: Dance Magazine and U.S. News and World Report.

Favorite authors: Marianne Williamson, Maya Angelou and Oprah Winfrey.

Favorite night on the town: Dancing and walking on the beach with a full moon.

Favorite restaurants: The Trellis, Cascades and Pargo's.

Favorite meal and beverage: Steak, salad and wine.

What most people don't know

about me: My age.

Best thing about myself: My smile, personality and sincerity.

Worst habit: I talk too much.

Pets: Three boxers.

Ideal vacation: Summer in Michigan and winter in Hawaii.

Hobbies: Breeding boxers, making silver jewelry and playing the piano.

Pet peeves: People smoking.

First job: Teaching physical education and health in Cincinnati Public Schools.

Worst job: Selling long distance for MCI.

Favorite sports teams: Washington Redskins, Chicago Bulls and Cincinnati Reds.

Favorite musicians: Frank Sinatra, Kenny G, Roberto and Barbra Streisand.

Most embarrassing moment: Slipped on a popcorn kernel and fell on the dance floor.

How I would like to be remembered: Betty Lou was family-oriented and continually worked toward her goal: "The family that prays together and plays together stays together." Everybody knows that my final wish is that they dance at my funeral and have a big ball with Roberto.

If I received \$1 million: I'd share it with my family and friends, give some to charity, take care of dental work, build a place where I'd retire (with a dance studio) and get a Mercedes Coupe.

If I have 10 minutes on national television: I would like to explain the benefits of dancing — socially, physically, entertainment and fun.

## Beach observes Breast Cancer Month

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program promotes the early detection of breast cancer during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

This year more than 180,000 women in the United States will learn for the first time that they have breast cancer; more than 40,000 will lose their lives to this disease.

Annual mammograms, along with yearly clinical exams and month breast self exams can increase breast cancer survival by 30 percent. Women must make mammograms a part of their

regular health care routine. Mammography screening should begin at the age of 40 and continue annually — once is not enough.

In Virginia Beach, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer. Special programs include:

■ Sept. 28, "Lights of Life" - A candlelight celebration for breast cancer survivors, families and friends. Mayor Meyer E. Oberdorf will kick-off the celebration at the Francis Land House at 6 p.m.

■ Sept. 30, "Ribbon of Love" presentation - A mile-long, pink

ribbon dedicated to all the women and men who have fought and who are currently fighting breast cancer will be presented to Oberdorf at City Hall at 9 a.m.

■ Oct. 1-31, "Adopt-A-M.O.M.M." (Making Opportunities for Mammograms a Must) program — Adopt-A-M.O.M.M. is a community service project designed to help needy women in Virginia Beach receive a mammogram. Any group may "adopt" a woman by raising funds to cover the cost of a mammogram. To participate, call 631-4029.

■ Oct. 1-31, — Visit breast cancer awareness displays at the

public libraries and recreation centers.

■ Oct. 17, National Mammography Day - Call to schedule a yearly mammogram.

■ Oct. 30, In the Spirit of Healing - An art exhibit and multimedia performance to be held at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts from 7 to 9 p.m. This program expresses the story of one woman's transformation from illness to wellness during her battle with cancer. A reception immediately follows the program.

For more information on these programs, call the Virginia Beach Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, 631-4029.



# Loggerhead hatchlings make break for freedom

## Back Bay volunteers release 112 turtles to tide

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

It's an awesome sight to see newly-hatched sea turtles find their way from the shore, where they are hatched, to the ocean. On a recent night 112 babies gave staff members and volunteers at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge a real treat.

The turtles were hatched only hours earlier from eggs that refuge employees had carefully protected against predators for two months. The outgoing tide signaled that it was time for them to strike out on their own.

It's crucial that young sea turtles make it to the ocean almost immediately, but the crawl across the sandy beach isn't easy for the tiny hatchlings.

A fully-grown sea turtle sometimes weighs 600 pounds, but the hatchling is hardly larger than a quail. Its anatomy is more suited to swimming than walking on land, and its oversized flippers throw it off balance.

On this particular night a crescent moon provides the only light and the turtles sometimes become distracted and veer off in the wrong direction.

Finally, they all made it to the water, and some of the children who helped release the turtles cheered as the babies peddle into the waves.

The struggle didn't end here, however. Incoming waves pushed the hatchlings back to shore, but like real troopers they resumed their eager paddling when the ocean became calm again.

Even once they're over the swell of the waves and out into the calmer water, the turtles still face an uncertain future. It's a 40-mile swim out to the warm Gulf Stream waters where these sea turtles will

probably spend most of their lives and there's no shortage of predators who would love to have them for lunch.

"At this age they're nothing but tasty little morsels for anything that walks, flies or swims," said wildlife biologist Florence James. Still, she added, once they're hatched it's time for their human protectors to let go, and refuge employees sometimes invite volunteers to participate in turtle crawls like the one held last weekend.

"They have to make it on their own," James told the group assembled on the beach. "Because if they can't make it here they're certainly not going to be able to make it once they're out in the wild."

Loggerhead sea turtles, the only type of sea turtle that nests in this area, are endangered animals and for this reason James and other refuge staff members patrol the beaches each summer searching for tell-tale signs that a nest may be nearby.

When they find eggs, they collect them and rebury them in predator-proof cages where they're safe from the crafty foxes and raccoons that prey on them.

Female sea turtles, who only come ashore to lay their eggs, leave marks in the sand and it's easy for a trained eye to spot the site where a nest might be.

Usually, the turtles prefer to lay their eggs in the wilderness beaches of Back Bay Wildlife Refuge or False Cape State Park, but nests have been found as far north as the oceanfront and the recently-released hatchlings came from a nest found at Little Island City Park.

Back Bay Wildlife Refuge employees, assisted by employees at False Cape State Park, the Marine Science Museum, the

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Florence James,  
wildlife biologist

Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard have found six nests this year.

"They (the female turtles) usually come up during a high tide and a full moon," James said. They lay from 80 to over 100 eggs at a time, but the survival rate is very low.

"They just have so much going against them," James said, "and right now the main thing they have going against them is people."

Although they're vulnerable to natural enemies, the sea turtles survived as a species for millions of years. Recently, however, human activity has brought them to the brink of extinction. Many of them are wounded by boat propellers. Others die after they've eaten plastic or other garbage in the water which, to them, looks like the jelly fish that they crave.

And, in some parts of the world they're hunted for sport or because it's become trendy to carry purses or other items made from their shells.

"Some people, for whatever reason, shoot them, and at one time they were even finding turtles that had their heads cut off," James said. "People were cutting the heads off of the leatherbacks for

some reason."

Cold water shock also kills sea turtles, and it's not unusual to find dead turtles along the Virginia shore during the months of June and October. Most sea turtles stay in the warmer waters further south and those who do venture this far up the coast often run into a stream of cold water during the spring and fall.

Virginia's cool ocean waters and sudden temperature changes sometimes endanger the hatchlings and prevent this coast from being a prime nesting spot, according to James. The females lay their eggs, which take about 60 days to hatch, during mid-summer and often fall arrives before the babies do. Last year's cool summer and early fall forced James to carry the hatchlings to North Carolina and release them into the warmer waters off of Cape Hatteras.

The cool climate also tends to produce more male turtles, according to James.

"We think that most of the turtles hatched here are males," she said, "but we hope that the females that are hatched here will return to this area to nest."

Female turtles, for some reason, usually return to the area where they're hatched to lay their own eggs. Because they don't start to reproduce until they're at least 15 years old it's hard to know how many Back Bay hatchlings have come home to nest.

It's also hard to know how many of the hatchlings survive to maturity. Nesting sea turtles are often tagged with satellite transmitters so that researchers always know their whereabouts, but there's no way to track the hatchlings.

"Research is very expensive," James said, and no one knows what



**MAKING THE LONG TRIP.** People gathered at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge last week to watch tiny baby turtles make the walk to the water. At least 112 hatchlings found their freedom in the Gulf Stream.

Photo by Jane Rowe

the newly-hatched turtles eat or understand how they're able to swim the 40 miles through ocean currents into the Gulf Stream.

Researchers have learned that hatchlings seem to gravitate to the ocean by instinct, and for that reason it's important to release them as soon as possible.

"They seem to have the urge to

move as soon as they're hatched," James said, but they also seem to lose that initiative after a day or two in captivity.

"They produce a lot of young but they have a very low survival rate," James said. "Hopefully with all of the effort we put into working with sea turtles we can give them a little brighter future."

"I'm on a stranding team and I've responded to a lot of turtle strandings," agreed Kathy O'Hara, a volunteer who turned out for the recent turtle crawl. "And it's really great to finally get to see the little babies."

### — Home Improvement —

## Wood repair for furniture, doors

Do you have a rotted window sill that's in need of repair? A chair or favorite rocker that's been marred with scratches or gnawed at by pets? Woodwork that's been bunged up from moving furniture around?

Here are some helpful hints for fixing up damaged furniture, molding, doors, window sills, cabinets and paneling:

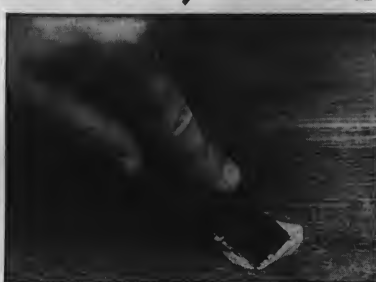
■ **Scratches** - To quickly conceal minor scratches, nicks and chips, use a wood stain pen. Apply just like a regular felt tip marker, stroking in the direction

of the scrape. Immediately wipe with a clean cloth to remove any excess stain. Stain pens are available in light and dark colors to match most wood tones. For deep scratches, use a wood repair kit that contains stain pens and colored wax filler sticks to fill in voids.

■ **Gouges** - Plastic wood, a high-quality wood filler, can be used to fill deep holes and gouges. Apply with a putty knife, slightly overfilling to allow for sanding down to a

smooth surface. Plastic wood can be stained, painted or varnished after it dries. It gives a body that looks and acts like wood, and can even be cut, drilled or planed. And it holds screws or nails without splitting.

■ **Dents** - A dent results from a blow that crushes and compresses the wood fibers. Dents in furniture can sometimes be fixed by swelling the wood fibers back up with moisture from steam. Place a damp cloth over the dent and hold a medium-hot iron over it, being careful not to burn the surface. Do not use this technique with furniture, paneling or cabinets that have veneer surfaces, as moisture can pop off the veneer.



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South windows are particularly beneficial because they reduce lighting costs and winter heating expenses.

Properly located windows can reduce lighting costs. In some passive solar homes, lights may never be needed during the day, thus saving as much as \$10 per month on electricity costs.

Even in the summer daylighting can save energy and money, because it provides less heat for a given amount of light.

The heat produced by artificial lighting adds to the burden on air conditioning systems.

Home Improvement is a weekly feature sponsored by these local businesses. It presents valuable tips and information about home repairs to help you decide whether a pending project should be handled by a professional or is a do-it-yourself job. For more information, call one of the experts displayed here.

## Beach-based foundation is awarded state education grant

**Making A Difference** Foundation, an award-winning non-profit organization offering education- and life skills-based programs, has received a \$11,000 grant from the State Department of Education/School to Work Initiative Office to increase its tutoring and mentoring efforts.

The funding primarily covers efforts at Kempsville High School in Virginia Beach, and calls for the foundation to place nightly or afternoon sites at three to four new Hampton Roads area high schools hoping to reach an additional 50 students a month for a total of 600 additional over the next year.

Sixteen of 21 projected sites for this school year are already open and assisting youth. As a result of this grant, students receive tutoring in training at the Cyber Beach in Virginia Beach. The foundation has garnered many school to work and other awards over the past six years for its efforts on behalf of children and youth.

In 1996, it provided more than 26,000 hours of mentoring and tutoring. In 1997 it is on track to exceed 80,000 hours, and is targeting 150,000 for 1998. Green Run High School in Virginia Beach was activated on Sept. 12 and SAT tutoring classes are held every Friday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The Kempsville High School site serves children and youth Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Additional efforts are being worked out with Tallwood High School an active supporter of the foundation to take our unique tutoring and SAT workshops into daytime study halls and afternoon hours.

For more information on this and other programs and locations, call Bob Bobulinski, 495-5009.

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**A REAL POUNDING.** Anne Dearman snapped this shot of Hurricane Gordon when it pummeled the Virginia Beach oceanfront with high tides and strong winds.

## Show remembers Beach's batterings

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issued to all areas that appear to be in the storm's path. As soon as it is clear which area will be hit, urgent hurricane warnings are broadcast.

Windows are boarded up and property secured in preparation for the arrival of the storm. People are urged to seek shelter above the highest expected tide level, stock up on drinking water and even evacuate low-lying areas. Often evacuation can be difficult as key roads are jammed with traffic and bridges are swept away as the high winds approach.

Driven by the violent winds, the first impact of the hurricane, called a storm surge, smashes into the land mass.

While at sea, the low pressure around the eye of the storm pulls water up into an enormous cauldron.

Driven along in front of the storm by the furious winds, smaller waves spiral outward from the center of the storm accumulating more water until they collide with land as massive walls of water.

The immense volume of water accumulated around the storm's eye is then dumped in one enormous wave, creating a storm surge; this massive wall of water often exceeds 10 feet in height. The effect can be awesome, often eradicating local settlements and devastating the populace.

"Hold on to Your Hats" documents the destructive impact that prior hurricanes and storms have had upon the Beach in photos.

Dearman says that people visiting Virginia Beach, especially in the summertime, have heard about hurricanes and wonder what it's like when a hurricane arrives.

"So we put this up because this is the time of year — in late August, September, October and into November — that we usually experience most of our hurricane activity," Dearman explained.

Local folks, according to Dearman, have a particular interest in the storm surge map on display. This map depicts what portions of Virginia Beach would be under water depending upon whether the storm is a category 1, 2, 3 or 4 storm.

"It's interesting to look at it," said Dearman, "because they don't even include a category 5 storm. Category 5 — just forget it! We're all going to die!" she said semi-seriously.

"Virginia Beach has a lot of high land, believe it or not," observed Dearman. "The Pungo Ridge, the dune line down here, even up Pacific Avenue and Atlantic Avenue toward Seashore State [Park] that's high ground."

One of the most devastating storms of the century struck the Virginia-Carolina coast on March 7, 1962. Most local folks agree that the Ash Wednesday Storm was the worst in the history of Virginia Beach.

Declaring a state of emergency, Mayor Frank Dusch requested assistance from the National Guard. Residents on the ocean side of Atlantic Avenue from Fort Story to 47th Street were evacuated and a curfew was enforced along the whole of Atlantic Avenue.

To prevent looting and to assist with rescue efforts, over 175 National Guardsmen from South Norfolk and Portsmouth patrolled the beach on foot and in vehicles.

Both Virginia Beach and waterfront sectors in Princess Anne County were declared disaster areas.

Photos of damage to Virginia Beach from this Ash Wednesday storm are part of the "Hold on to Your Hats" display in the Old Coast Guard Station Museum's lower gallery.

The fall hurricane season is a perfect time to visit the Old Coast Guard Station Museum and get the low down on the hurricane history of coastal Virginia. Perhaps knowing the past will help in preparing for the future.

## 'Tenor' opens theatre's 50th season

The hilarious comedy "Lend Me A Tenor" will be the first show of the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach's 50th anniversary season.

The non-stop farcical comedy takes place in 1934 Cleveland as the Cleveland Grand Opera Company awaits the arrival of the world-famous tenor, Tito Merelli (also known as Il Stupendo).

When he finally sweeps in, too late to rehearse with the company, a series of hilarious mishaps take place, leaving the singer unable to perform. What happens next includes love, laughter and mistaken identity that is guaranteed to leave the audience teary-eyed with laughter.

Directed by Kay Burcher, the cast includes Aaron McGlothlin as Max, John Anderson as Tito, Lucia Forte as Maria, Lesa Azimi as Maggie, Richard Hamilton as Saunders, Karen Buckheim as Julia and Jim Mitchell as the bellhop.

The show, written by Ken

Ludwig, was first produced in London by Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Co., and was nominated for the Olivier Award.

It opened on Broadway in March, 1989 and was nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Play. In addition to winning two Tonys, it won Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critics Circle Awards. It has been performed throughout the world in eight languages.

The play, opening on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m., will have additional evening performances on Sept. 20, 26, 27, Oct. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Matinee performances (3 p.m.) will be on Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5. All performances are at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, located on the corner of 24th Street and Barbenton Drive.

Season subscriptions are available or individual tickets are \$10 at the door for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Reservations are required by calling 428-9233.



**SINGING OUT.** The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach opens "Lend Me A Tenor" Friday (today) starring Richard Hamilton and Aaron McGlothlin.

## Jelly Jubilee examines life, myths of the deep's misunderstood fish

How can an animal that has the consistency of a bowl of Jello survive in the ocean while striking fear in the hearts of swimmers?

Find that out and more at the Virginia Marine Science Museum's Jelly Jubilee, a week of special programs and events highlighting the life of jellyfish and the myths that often surround them.

Free with museum admission, the event will take place from

Saturday through Sunday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the museum.

Daily programs and events scheduled include:

■ From Undersea to Outer Space - Dr. Dorothy B. Spangenberg, research professor, department of pathology, Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS), will kick-off the gelatinous week with a presentation of her most recent "jellyfish in space" findings on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the museum's IMAX Theater.

She will discuss her jellyfish experiments conducted aboard the space shuttle Columbia to better understand how living organisms develop and function in the weightlessness of Earth orbit, as well as its after-effects as they relate to the human body.

■ Jellyfish Fact and Fantasy - Presentations at the jellyfish aquariums located in the Atlantic Ocean Pavilion will highlight moon jellies and stinging nettle jellyfish, Virginia Beach's most common summer visitors.

Participants will also be able to take a sneak behind-the-scenes tour to see the museum's jellyfish aquariums. Here, guests will learn about the special care required to keep these amazing and unique creatures healthy and well-fed. Daily programs times are 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

■ Jellyfish Video "From Under the Sea to Outer Space" - In the museum's classroom, visitors can enjoy this tell-tale video about the jellyfish taken space aboard the

space shuttle Columbia for various experiments as told by Spangenberg. Daily program times are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

■ "Take A Closer Look" - In the temporary exhibit hall, visitors will be able to view jellyfish in various stages of their lives under microscopes. They will also be able to meet the scientists who study jellyfish and find out why these creatures are beneficial to humans. This temporary exhibit will run through Oct. 13 in the Changing Exhibit Gallery.

■ Jelly Jubilee Mini-Camp - Campers, grades 2 through 6, will explore these gelatinous wonders of the sea through fact, fun arts, crafts and scavenger hunts, as well as a behind-the-scenes peek to learn about the special care required to keep jellies healthy and well-fed on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a lunch and a drink. Registration is required. Call 437-6007. Fee is \$12 members, \$18 non-members.

Largest and best known of the plankton family, jellyfish are approximately 90 percent water with only the thinnest of skins. Simple in design with no brain, heart or eyes, a network of nerve cells help the jellyfish move and react to food or danger. They are weightless in water, moving

gracefully and often transparent. Drifting with currents and tides, jellyfish often travel with little energy. They are also capable of propulsion.

Virginia Beach's coastline hosts several types of jellyfish during the summer, the most common being the moon jelly and stinging nettle. The stinging nettle appears earlier in the summer while the moon jelly appears later. Distributed throughout the mid and lower Bay, and all of its tributaries, they do not survive in fresh or low-salinity waters.

A jellyfish's tentacle launches barbed stingers into a victim when touched. The stingers, called nematocytes, inject paralyzing poison through long, hollow tubes. The venom produces a stinging sensation and inflammation in humans, which in most cases disappears. A number of fish, sea turtles and crustaceans feed on jellyfish and seem to be immune to their poison. Extremely opportunistic, jellyfish entangle and paralyze any prey that goes by.

The museum is located at 717 General Booth Blvd., just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, but closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, call 425-FISH (3474).

## Film highlights buffalo's plight

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will re-introduce "The Last Buffalo," a three-dimensional, artistic film highlighting the plight of the stoic buffalo, in The Family Channel's 3-D IMAX Theater.

Although not a marine science subject, the 27-minute film fits the museum's focus as a nature movie.

It previously wowed audiences in Japan, Canada and the U.S. since it first premiered in April 1990, as well VMSM audiences during its successful first brief run at the museum in 1996.

"The Last Buffalo" focuses on the fragility of earth's wilderness and its need for protection and conservation in order to survive. The film offers the opportunity to experience a buffalo calf, moments after its birth, taking its first shaky-legged steps; a violent showdown between a cougar and its fiercely defiant prey; an up-close bush fire; as well as a brilliant sculptor creating a life-sized buffalo from molten iron . . . all in breathtaking, three-dimensional detail.

In addition to "The Last Buffalo," the museum will continue to show "Into the Deep," a trip into the underwater world of a California kelp forest where the interplay of colorful marine life is reminiscent of a carefully choreographed ballet, and "Four Million Houseguests," a magical journey where everyday items take on an extraordinary dimension through the use of an electron microscope and micro and macro photography.

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# Great Food Fest

## The Elderly Victims' Assistance Program

George and Mary live in two different sections of the city. They have very little in common except both are elderly and have been victims of crime.

George has no family whatsoever and lives month to month on Social Security. He lives in a part of town where few of us ever visit. In fact, George rarely if ever has visitors. His only "luxury" is a small 12" television.

It is George's window to the outside world. His television allows him to go to ball games (he loves them), take in a movie, catch up on the latest news and enjoy a cop show. But his television is more. It's there for him late at night and early in the morning. It's there when he doesn't feel well. In short, it's a companion, a friend.

Recently, while George was at a doctor's appointment, someone stole his television. What was a priceless possession to George probably got the thief \$15 on the black market.

Mary lives in a different part of town. Nothing fancy, but comfortable.

Like George, Mary is alone in this world. Her husband provided a small, but adequate income for Mary after his death. Unfortunately, Mary is a very trusting soul and when some "friends" offered to help her pay her bills, Mary was delighted.

Needless to say, within a few months, a large portion of her bank account was gone. Her bills remain unpaid. Her electricity, water

and phone were cut off and her "friends" had left town.

In many localities, Mary and George would have nowhere to turn, no one to help.

Because they live in Chesapeake, however, the Elderly and Indigent Victim's Assistance Program (EVAP) has provided George with a new television and a guardian visits Mary weekly, takes her shopping and pays her bills.

In order for positive endings such as these to continue, Chesapeake Sheriff John Newhart and the South Norfolk Ruritan Club sponsor the Great American Food Fest each October. Now in its 18th season, this worthy fund-raiser originally started as a small old-fashioned cookout. Now it is a sophisticated event — the largest of its kind in this area.

On Oct. 1, nearly 5,000 supporters will descend on the Chesapeake Jubilee site. For \$15 per person, they will partake in more than 30 different food items. There will be the standard fare of barbecue, corn on the cob, fish and a wide variety of beverages. The Fat Ammon's Band will be entertaining and scores of businesses will have displays, but the really important thing is that everyone there will be helping people like Mary and George.

Buy your ticket early and save \$5. It was a sellout last year, so don't delay — people like Mary and George are depending on you.

## South Norfolk Ruritans do it again for hungry Food Fest '97 hoard

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office and the South Norfolk Ruritan Club will once again sponsor the Great American Food Fest. The event is the largest of its kind held in Chesapeake and annually draws in excess of 5,000 people to the Jubilee site.

Chesapeake Sheriff John Newhart and Ruritan President Steve Tise promise this year's fest will be better than ever.

The one-price admission charge of \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate entitles the purchaser to all they can eat. Last year's event provided more than

33 different types of food delicacies. This year as usual, live entertainment will be provided by the Fat Ammon's Band. The gates will open at 3 p.m. and the event lasts until 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of the tickets will support the Sheriff's Office Indigent and Elderly Victims of Crime Program, and also a multitude of community projects of the South Norfolk Ruritans. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Chesapeake Deputy, any South Norfolk Ruritan or at any of the Bank of Hampton Road's 10 locations throughout the area.



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# Rodeo rounds up a winning fund-raiser

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the biggest rodeo yet. They may well have accomplished that.

"This is probably one of the best rodeos in years. As a matter of fact," Donna said, "long-time members say this is one of the best in 20 years. We were hoping for 18,000 people, and I think we're pretty near that."

There were three performances — one each on Friday and Saturday night, plus one Sunday afternoon. Gene said the Saturday performance alone drew 6,000 to 7,500 rodeo supporters.

They were some very vocal fans. An alcohol-free family event, the TWR event drew crowds eager to cheer their favorite contenders, whether seasoned rodeo professionals or 12-year-olds girls trying their hand at barrel racing.

"I just love these things!" declared Mary Beaudin of Chesapeake. "This is only the second one I've ever been to, but I just love 'em! It's the excitement — the whole thing."

Thousands of hours of planning go into creating that excitement, as organizers Gene and Donna Snow well know.

They'll put in 100-hour weeks as the rodeo draws near, and the telephone in their rural Virginia Beach home doesn't stop ringing.

The Snows have seen the event evolve from an amateur "shodeo" — including pleasure classes, ladies goat tying, bareback riding and other specialty acts — to a professional competition.

The shodeo goes back to 1959, when the event was held on the grounds of the old Tidewater Horse and Pony Association. Now that's Greenbrier.

In 1970, it moved to Princess Anne Park, which at the time had the East Coast's most up-to-date showgrounds. Stock was first furnished by local farmers and horsemen.

These days it's up to Treadway Rodeo Company, and the one-day shodeo has grown to a three-day rodeo featuring bareback and saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, barrel



**ROUND THE CURVE.** The women's barrel racing competition proved that cowgirls are just as tough as their male counterparts.

riding, team roping and bull riding.

When organizing the event, TWR has a soft spot for the smallest rodeo fans.

"We do this for the kids, which is also why we do a Kids Day at the rodeo. It's about families being able to bring out their children and just have a good time," Donna said.

"Plus, it's alcohol-free," Gene added, "a real family event."

"Yeah," Donna smiled, "you know they're having a good time when they start doing the 'YMCA' in the stands!"

The Sunday show was designated as this year's Kids Day, and there was plenty to keep the young ones interested. "Cowboy Church" kicked off the morning, and there were pony rides to entice the little ones.

The big draw, though, was a calf-roping competition for the first 100 children to pay \$2. Issued ropes to catch a steer and lead it to the center of the ring, the calf scramble was the day's highlight for young and old.

A few folks, like TWR Rodeo Princess Marsha Davis, were reminded of the children who would be helped by their peers' calf-roping attempts.

"We do this for the kids. I've got one and would be devastated if one of mine had to be in the hospital for any reason. I love this event," she said.



**"COW-CENTRATE."** Many children at the Tidewater Western Riders World Championship Rodeo got to pet livestock for the first time.



**GET ALONG, LITTLE DOGGIE.** The thrill of the rodeo was alive for the audience as competitors attempted to rope calves for the audience.



**BREAKING RECORDS.** Rodeo organizers estimated that 18,000 people would attend the World Championship Rodeo at Princess Anne Park over the course of the weekend.

Photos by Victoria Heath



**A CLOSER LOOK.** Ean Greene, 2, bellies up to the fence for an upclose and personal look at the rodeo. Sunday was Kids Day, and hundreds flocked for their first taste of cowboy fun.

## Memories spurred by exhibition

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storm of 1933. Bill's father bought a house on the waterfront next to the Yarus house.

Years later, before building their home on an adjacent lot, Bill consulted Shirley's father about how high the water rose during the hurricane of 1933.

"I asked Shirley's dad how high

the water came. It didn't come in his house; it didn't come above the flooring," Bill explained.

"We had a transit and shot a line over there [Yarus house], and then we went up about a block and a half higher than his floor," he added.

With the exception of the Ash Wednesday Storm in March of 1962, the Weller home has never

even been threatened by high water.

"During the Ash Wednesday Storm, the water came up high. We stayed here; we didn't go anywhere," Bill said.

"The only reason that we left in '33 was that the roof blew off the bedroom," Shirley added.

"I'm sure my father wasn't happy about the roof blowing off. But what can you do?" she asked. "He put it back on when he came back. We didn't have any money," she recalled. "Everybody did things for them in those days," she observed.

At one time, a log cabin stood on Weller's waterfront. The cabin was flooded during the severe Ash Wednesday Storm.

"The water was six or eight inches deep inside the house," Bill said. "It killed all the termites," he laughed.

In Bill Weller's opinion, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel has helped reduce the tidal storm surge.

"The pilings now have sort of stabilized the tide a little bit because all of those pilings offer a lot of resistance to the water coming in," Bill offered. "This second bridge-tunnel that they're putting in now...if you take all those pilings that are stretched out and put them together, they're going to close up almost half of that bay," he theorized.

"We don't have those extreme high tides," Bill observed. "Used to be a northeaster, it'd blow for a couple of days...and you'd get some high water. It would come over the bulkhead and into the yard," he recalled. But not now, not since the bridge-tunnel was built.

At one time, the Weller's waterfront property bordered a fresh water lake. When there was an extreme high tide, saltwater would wash over a low dune and into the freshwater.

When there was a heavy rain, freshwater would flow over the low dune and into the bay. Years ago, the Pennsylvania Railroad cut through the low dune and dredged a channel to accommodate its railroad barges loaded with railroad cars. Now, of course, the

Weller property overlooks a tidal inlet.

Did the Wellers ever have to help their neighbors during a storm? After considering the question, Shirley laughed, "There weren't many neighbors."

"We never had any big boats," Bill said. During Hurricane Barbara, Bill pulled his runabout out of the water, removed the outboard motor, and turned the hull upside down. "When we pulled that boat up on the land and turned it over, the wind was blowing so hard that it [the overturned hull] was sliding across the yard," Bill remembered. "So we took the anchor line and tied it to a fence post," he said.

Times have changed. "Way back, they didn't have any warnings or anything. So people weren't listening to all these instant radar checks," Shirley observed.

"Now they've got satellites," added Bill.

"You didn't think about it, but now you sit and worry about it because it's headed for you," Shirley said. "They're wrong half the time," she added.

"I was apprehensive when Gloria came along because it sounded as if it was going to smack right into us," Shirley admitted. "I'm the only one that stayed up, but I was reading by a kerosene lamp and listening to the radio on batteries," she recalled. "I got kind of aggravated because I lost all that sleep — and nothing happened," she laughed.

Bill won't admit to ever being scared by a storm, and he's never even thought of leaving his home during a storm. "You get nervous because you know the property damage that it can do, and you think that you'll have to rebuild this or that," he said.

In over 60 years on the waterfront, the Wellers recognize their good fortune. They've replaced part of a roof, lost a few shingles, and have seen some high water. Things could have been far worse. "We've been blessed," said Bill Weller.

And Shirley agreed.



**STORM TROOPERS.** During their 60 years on the waterfront, Bill and Shirley Weller have seen their share of storms and hurricanes.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on the agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

#### CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Pace Construction Development Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Ferrell Parkway and General Booth Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of McDonald Nurseries of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the south side of Mason Street beginning at a point 650 feet more or less east of Independence Boulevard on Lots 2, 3 & 4, Reedtown. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban low density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.39 acres more or less. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of CH & B Associates L.L.P., The Caplan Family Trust, The Fleder Family Trust, and Kyrgis Family L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the west side of Windsor Oaks Boulevard

beginning at a point 330 feet more or less south of Holland Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 30,492 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-2D Residential Duplex District to the south side of Bonney Road, 543.4 feet east of Kenley Road. The proposed zoning classification change to R-5D is for single family duplex land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban low density residential at densities that are compatible with townhouse use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4915 Bonney Road and contains 1.45 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from P-1 Preservation District to Conditional O-2 Office District on Parcel A, Section 1, Kempville Greens. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-2 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for parks/recreation use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at the northeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Kempville Greens Parkway and contains 1.099 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a lodge on Parcel A, Section 1, Kempville Greens. Said parcel is located at the northeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Kempville Greens Parkway and contains 1.099 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:  
7. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ocean Investors, L.L.C. Property is located on the east side of Great Neck Road, 123.64 feet south of Dey Cove Drive. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Ocean Investors, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for an open space promotion on certain property located on the east side of Great Neck Road beginning at a point 123.64 feet south of Dey Cove Drive. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Rennie Petroleum Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a gasoline pump in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and N. Plaza Trail. Said parcel is located at 3397 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 30,099.9 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Century Towing Service, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard for vehicles, and motor vehicle sales on Parcel 1, Subdivision of Block 5, Map of A.W. Cornick's Kempville Farm. Said parcel is located at 4750 Baxter Road and contains 18,687 square feet of a 3.626 acre parcel. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication antenna on certain property located on the west side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2000 feet south of Lynnhaven Parkway. The requested antenna will be placed on a 600 square foot portion of this 1472.68 acre parcel. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Bethel Christian Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the north side of Indian River Road, west of New Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 1814 Indian River Road and contains 1.02 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Larry M. & Christine E. Pinkston for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located on the east side of Princess

Anne Road beginning at a point 1864.3 feet north of Gum Bridge Road. Said parcel contains 13.45 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Joe Mondes, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located at the northwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop. Said parcel contains 34.36 acres. BLACKWATER BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Diamond Springs Shoppes Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Diamond Springs Road and Shell Road. Said parcel is located at 1270 Diamond Springs Road and contains 2.23 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication monopole on certain property located on the east side of Business Park Drive beginning at a point 540 feet more or less north of Greenwich Road. Said parcel is located at 168 Business Park Drive and contains 1.87 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole and communications equipment shelter on certain property located on the south side of Indian River Road, west of West Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 2765 Indian River Road and contains 33.06 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:  
18. Application of Howard Richardson Corporation for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for a church on September 14, 1981. Property is located on the west side of Princess Anne Road, 511.31 feet south of Lynnhaven Parkway. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:  
19. Ordinance to amend Sections 901 and 1001 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to use regulations for eating and drinking establishments.

DEFERRED BY CITY COUNCIL ON 8/13/97:  
20. Ordinance to amend Section 410 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to dwelling units in livestock barns in Agricultural Zoning Districts.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 9/10/97:

21. An Ordinance upon Application of The Drago Companies, a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 12.278 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Albert N. & Diane H. Jensen for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the west side of S. Birnebeck Road beginning at a point 640.3 feet south of Jackson Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to I-1 is for light industrial land use. The

Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1 acre. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Windsor Oaks West, Parcel 2 L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shoreline Court. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.579 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Christ Episcopal Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Holland Road, 280 feet more or less east of Buym Farm Road. Said parcel contains 4.707 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

25. Application of Charley Bradley for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Broad Bay Drive beginning at the northern boundary of Long Creek Drive and running in a northerly direction to the southern boundary of Long Creek. Said parcel contains 4,938 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

26. Motion of the Planning Commission of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and reordain Section 2.2(A)1 of the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to site plan review for fill operations.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single-Family District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Witcluck Ct., beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Witcluck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this property for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 527 N. Witcluck Road and contains 1 acre. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.  
Robert J. Scott  
Planning Director  
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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### Public Notice

Virginia:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff v.  
\$2,350.00 US Currency (Brown), CL94-3993  
\$2,470.00 US Currency (White) CL94-4052  
\$986.00 US Currency (Myles) CL95-926  
\$1,063.00 US Currency (Galloway) CL95-1409  
\$3,000.00 US Currency (Berrill/Arterberry/Baldwin) CL96-1309

\$11,500.00 US Currency (Zeller) CL97-309  
\$58,460.00 US Currency (Lewis) CL97-1490, Defendants

Order of Publication And Affidavit  
THIS DAY CAME THE Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above reference items that were seized between November 23, 1994, and April 23, 1997.

An Information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before October 29, 1997, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19-2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

ENTER this 8 day of September, 1997.

Edward W. Hanson, Judge  
Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

By Barbara Munden, Deputy Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:  
Deborah M. Paxson  
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney  
2305 Judicial Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9000

I, Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Deborah M. Paxson, Affiant  
COMMONWEALTH  
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

I, Jaye Lee A. Cullen, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that foregoing Affidavit of Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 5th day of September, 1997.

Jaye Lee A. Cullen, Notary Public

My Commission Expires 6/30/00  
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### Public Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OPPORTUNITY

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE VIRGINIA BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Virginia Beach City Council invites Public Comment on the City's recommended COMPREHENSIVE PLAN at its Formal Session September 23, 1997, 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber.

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 427-4303 to register your intent to speak.

A City Council PUBLIC HEARING, as prescribed by State Law, is SCHEDULED for October 28, 1997, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber.

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Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE  
City Clerk

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Take notice that on 9/19/97, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va. the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle:

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Auction: 1985 SUBARU GL 2DR RED

Serial: F1A2F1B8FA040869

Auction Date: 10/02/97

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

### Public Notice

Auction: 1986 FORD ESCORT 4 DR GOLD

Serial: 1FABP369XGW258163

Auction Date: 10/01/97

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

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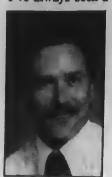
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**Out In Left Field**

By Bob Ruegger, columnist

Scuba Diving Group of Columbus, Ohio welcomed me with open arms back in August 1990.

Every August, John Hickey — the sometimes eccentric leader of the pack — habitually charts a motor-sailboat from Blackbeard's Cruises in Miami for a diving excursion to the Bahamas, but it is not so much the place as the people who make each trip memorable.

By the end of the week the entire assemblage has been forged — perhaps melded — into a sunburned, jaded bunch of visitors to paradise. Just as in that wonderful song from "Porgy and Bess," it's summertime

and the livin' is easy. The barracuda are biotin and the water temperature is high. Everything is lovely, and everybody's as fine as frog's hair.

As an old beer commercial says, "It don't get no better than this." I must assume that the word "it" refers to the beer or the activity rather than the grammar.

Over the past seven years, I admit that I've developed an affection for the Hickey Group in general and some of its members in particular.

Unfortunately, over the years we've lost a few good friends along the way, but the original band into which I was so warmly received is still pretty much intact although some "new blood" has been added over time.

While most of my suspicions have been allayed over the years, I still have some reservations about a few of our newer members.

The California Kid, Sir Charles and Tuna Steve were assigned pseudonyms and inducted into the Hickey Hall of Fame.

Crazy Sid from Sandy Creek was up to his old antics again. One peaceful night in paradise while the Sea Explorer was riding at anchor off Gun Cay near Bimini, a bloodcurdling scream came from a forward cabin.

Although it sounded as if someone was being murdered, it was only Crazy Sid having a Marine Corps flashback. He had managed to injure himself while trying to kick out the overhead in his berthing space during

the nightmare.

The very next day, Sid loaded the pockets of Lady Lisa's buoyancy control vest pockets with scrambled eggs which caused a feeding frenzy among the fish on Hawkbill Reef. Lisa had no idea what caused her to become engulfed in a cloud of feeding fish.

The suave and debonair Sir Charles, Duke of Duneillon, is as dashing as any medieval polo player. With his trusty compass, he has an uncanny ability to find the boat attached to the anchor line.

Both his depth and range of knowledge is often so astounding that he occasionally even amazes himself. Out of respect, locals in Cozumel call him El Toro Viejo (the old bull). Sir Charles also knows the regenerative worth of an afternoon nap.

Orca is our crew's gentle giant. Although he's nearly as large as a killer whale, he lacks the aggressive instinct of his namesake. His powerful build belies his docile nature; the man wouldn't hurt a fly.

Orca is a empathetic friend to everyone — adults and children alike because he's perfected the art of listening. Even Vietnam vets know Orca will listen and sympathize with them. This guy has a definite aura.

And, of course, there's Captain Video, who has the determination to be the greatest cinematographer who ever breathed compressed air along with the occasional lack of good judgment that becoming the best sometimes seems to demand.

Unfettered, Captain Video might endanger himself; he's fortunate that the Laura the Little Ballerina keeps a watchful eye on him.

Cigar smoking Saltwater Sally is the Hickey Group's wonder woman. A skilled diver, Sally is the band's best athlete. She defies the odds and a bevy of "twinkies" in her obsessive quest to "ride Shamu's nose." Sally is as "at home" in the underwater world as any mermaid would be. Someday I'll probably run into Sally at Sea World, training dolphins, riding killer whales or hand-feeding sharks.

By the end of our trip, practically everyone — whether they know it or not — on that 65-foot boat has earned a nickname. Everyone knows everyone else. The phenomenal thing is that no open feuds seem to break out among these vastly different personalities. Everyone seems to be able to remain civil for the duration of the trip.

In the five trips I've survived with the Hickey Group, I've never left the Sea Explorer with negative feelings about anyone. That, too, amazes me. Twenty foos on a 65-foot boat for nearly a week creates the potential for plenty of fireworks, yet somehow the ignition never takes place.

Everyone seems to regard me as an integral part of the group, and that gives me a positive feeling. The fact that they affectionately, I assume, call me Bimini Bob makes me feel accepted.

But even after seven years, I'm still just a little wary of this motley crew.



Courtesy Photo

## Environmentally-friendly

Theresa L. Riggs, proprietor of the Red Lobster on Independence Boulevard, receives the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission Litter Free Award from Maurice B. Jackson, commission chairman. The honor is presented monthly to a business that keeps its premises clean and free of litter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Clubs

The Tidewater Entertainers Association will meet on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Call Warren Seaburg, 471-4531, or Don Butcher, 850-3133.

Fans of Broadway Musicals will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. For information or directions call Eric Stevens, 481-7792.

Joke Fiends Anonymous will hold a joke-swapping session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24. For information or directions, call Eric Stevens, 481-7792.

### Education

The Cox High School Guidance Department will hold an information night for parents of seniors Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Red Mill Student Council Association will install its new officers and representatives in an assembly in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

A free College Planning Seminar will be held at the Founders Inn and Conference Center in Virginia Beach on Saturday, Sept. 27. Two sessions will be offered, 10 a.m. to noon and noon-2 p.m. Attendees will receive information on success strategies for college, the

importance of career counseling and SATs and techniques on budgeting now to pay for college later. Pre-registration is required. Call 853-7546, 669-4111 or 497-0683.

### Recreation

The Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., will present a genealogical information tour by the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call 437-6450 to register.

The Windsor Woods Area Library, 3612 S. Plaza Trail, will present a preschool storytime for children aged 3 to 5 on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 6:30-7 p.m. Call 340-1043 to register.

The Kempsville Area Library, 832 Kempsville Road, will present a "Playful Learning" demonstration by Pat Sears, an early childhood coordinator with the Virginia Beach Public Schools, on Monday, Sept. 22 from 7-8 p.m. This program will offer practical suggestions to parents that will help them prepare their preschoolers to be eager to learn in school. Call 495-1016 to register.

### Religion

All Saints Episcopal Church's Fall Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1968 Woodside Ln. in Virginia Beach. Featured items and activities will include holiday crafts, wreaths, jewelry, white elephant, craft boutique, silent auction, bake sale, plant sale, books/appliances/toys, petting zoo, games, good food and more.

## HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

## Pregnant women and influenza

By Dr. Steven Powers  
Special Report

Earlier this year, the death of a young and new Virginia Beach mother has highlighted the effect that flu can have upon pregnant women.

Unfortunately, this lady died due to her respiratory illness soon after giving birth to her child. This case has once again brought the focus of influenza vaccinations in pregnant women to the forefront here in Hampton Roads.

In brief, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has recently recommended that all women who are beyond the

first trimester of pregnancy receive influenza vaccines during the influenza season.

This new recommendation has been forthcoming due to the

### Better public education and vaccinations during flu season should be accomplished.

accumulation of new data on the impact of influenza on acute heart-lung hospitalizations of pregnant women. This data came from a study of women aged 15 to 44 years old who were enrolled in the Tennessee Medicaid Program from 1974-1993.

The study was conducted by

Dr. Kathleen Neuzil and Associates at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn. They identified more than 4,000 women who were hospitalized because of heart-lung problems during the influenza season, which lasts from Nov. 1 through April 30.

Approximately 9 percent of these women were pregnant. Their research identified that pregnant women were at a 40 percent greater risk of being hospitalized for influenza and pneumonia during acute influenza infections and that women at term had a four-fold increase risk of hospitalization for acute heart-lung problems during the influenza season as well.

It has been well known that the killed virus vaccinations for influenza does not increase a woman's risk of birth defects in her unborn child. This is especially important because a very low rate of influenza vaccinations occur in pregnant

women due to concerns about receiving influenza vaccinations.

The reason the first trimester of pregnancy has been excluded for vaccinations is because the background spontaneous miscarriage rate is higher during then and physicians do not want patients to blame the influenza vaccine for their miscarriages.

However, if a severe influenza epidemic occurs, all pregnant women, regardless of gestational age, should be vaccinated. Especially women who have high risk medical conditions, including chronic cardiac or heart, lung or kidney problems, diabetes, any form of a malignancy or cancer or any immuno-suppressive disorder should have the vaccine.

In summation, influenza is a miserable, infectious disease that makes most healthy people very uncomfortable and can be potentially life-threatening to individuals with chronic medical conditions, including pregnancy. Better public education and vaccinations during flu season should be accomplished.

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## Annual Gourmet Gala to be held here soon

Gov. George Allen has declared Oct. 4-11 to be St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Week. Part of the celebration will take place at the Norfolk Waterside Convention Center at the Marriott, when 40 of Tidewater's restaurants and caterers will join the Friends of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in sponsoring the Sixth Annual Gourmet Gala.

The gala takes place from 5:30

to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Norfolk. The premier networking event of Hampton Roads attracts business and entertainment figures from all over the area, as well as those who love food and people-watching.

The gala features gourmet food, dancing and live entertainment. Tickets for the event are \$35 per person.

All proceeds from the evening will go toward funding the continuing research at St. Jude for cures and treatment of cancer and other catastrophic diseases that strike thousands of children daily. The protocols or cures are shared with hospitals and doctors all over the world, including those in Hampton Roads.

Tickets are available at the following locations: in the foyer of the Decker 1 Building, 201 Plume St. and the Waterside Marriott Gift Shop in downtown Norfolk; and at Lucy's Total Bodycare, 3980 Virginia Beach Blvd. (at Lechmann's Plaza) in Virginia Beach.

Tickets may also be purchased by mailing a check payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to Nellie Bryan, Decker 1 Building, 201 E. Plume St., Norfolk, Va. 23510.

For more information, call 622-3317 or 460-6650.

## Police seek suspects in night deposit robbery

Virginia Beach detectives need your assistance in solving a night deposit robbery.

On Saturday, Aug. 16 at 11:35 p.m., volunteers from Plaza Little League were robbed at 219 S. 10th

Rosemont Road. Two males with dark stockings over their heads ran from the wooded area carrying weapons. The suspects demanded the money and then ran toward the rear of the shopping center.

One robber is black, with a medium build, and was wearing a gray T-shirt, knee-length blue jeans, tennis shoes and was armed with a long barrel revolver.

The other subject is black, with a medium build, and was wearing a dark T-shirt, knee-length blue jeans, and was armed with a large, black-handled, hunting knife.

Crime Solvers are seeking information on any suspicious persons seen in this area. Call Crime Solvers at 427-0000. You could earn a cash reward.

Virginia Beach police also need your help in locating a bank robbery suspect.



Suspect

On Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m., a black male robbed the teller of the Signet Bank located at 925 Diamond Springs Rd. He handed the teller a demand note, jumped up onto the counter, grabbed a handful of money and fled.

The robber is about 28 years old, 5-foot-8-inches tall, 170 pounds, with a stocky build and a slight mustache. He wore clear, round shaped glasses and a tan colored "Captain Morgan" spiced rum hat, blue polo shirt and khaki, baggy pants. The police recovered the hold-up note and some of the stolen money after the dy pack exploded, possibly in his hands.

If you can identify this man, call Crime Solvers, 427-0000. You will not be asked your name or have to appear in any court proceedings.

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## Beach asked to contribute money for restoration of Elizabeth River

### Council seems interested if Corps study would also include Lynnhaven River

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is asking the city of Virginia Beach to pick up 4 percent (\$107,666) of the cost of a \$2,870,000 feasibility study on the Elizabeth River Basic Restoration.

At a city council workshop Tuesday, councilmembers asked questions about how the city's share was determined and how the project — only a small part of the river is located in Virginia Beach — will benefit Virginia Beach.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that "people who live in cities don't want to pay taxes." She added that Virginia Beach would want our share based on not being a major polluter.

The federal government will pay \$1,435,000 of the cost and the state/local match will make up the other half with the state contributing the bulk of the cost, 60 percent or \$681,000 and four participating localities sharing the remaining 40 percent.

Craig Selzer, marine biologist with the

COE, said that Tuesday's presentation at the Beach was his first on the cost of study and that he would make similar presentations to the other cities in the next two months.

Norfolk and Chesapeake have been allotted the lion's share of the cost, \$237,666 and \$236,000 respectively, and Portsmouth will be asked for \$172,666.

Selzer said that the COE would like to get a letter of intent from Virginia Beach in November saying that the city is willing to negotiate on the cost. He said allocations were made on the basis that everyone would benefit from a cleaner river. The Elizabeth River is considered the most contaminated in the state.

Selzer also said that a similar study could be done on the Lynnhaven River.

Tom Yancey, also from the COER, said that all that was needed for a study was a letter requesting it and the authorization of Congressman Owen Pickett's office. This could be done as early as 2000 and with the federal government paying 100 percent of the

reconnaissance study cost as it did in the case of the Elizabeth River.

Councilman W. W. Harrison Jr. said that after the city puts up the money for the feasibility study, "how do we know the money will be there for the construction?"

Yancey replied that there is always a risk in federal funding.

Selzer said the commonwealth initiated the request in the case of the Elizabeth River. The pivotal sponsor, according to the COE, has been the Elizabeth River Project, a grassroots, non-profit partnership of hundreds of volunteers from federal, state and local government; business; science, and citizen interests dedicated to restoring the Elizabeth River through community involvement.

The group was instrumental in obtaining funding for study initiation. In addition to the participating cities and the state, another sponsor is the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Selzer described the study area as 165 square miles basic, 20 miles long extending to Virginia Beach in the easternmost part.

The Chesapeake Bay Program recently identified the Elizabeth River as a region of concern, one of three sites in the Bay watershed where contaminants pose the greatest threat to natural resources. Estimates are that as much as 50 percent of the Elizabeth's tidal wetlands were lost

between 1944 and 1977.

The restoration focuses on creating or restoring wetlands and remediating contaminated sediment. Selzer said that the sedimentation does not sustain any living organisms now. That can be changed with the use of cleanup materials that eat contaminants.

Harrison suggested that including the Lynnhaven River in the study might make the cost more palatable to Virginia Beach citizens.

The four wetlands restoration sites located in Virginia Beach are: Indian River Road and Military Highway, one acre; the city park in the Woodstock neighborhood, one to two acres; Elizabeth River Shores, one to two acres and the I-64 crossing of the Eastern Branch, south shore, one to two acres.

Selzer said that the COE calculated cost-sharing on the basis that everyone would benefit from a cleaner river. The river has been dredged to twice its normal depth (over the last 100 years) and filled to two thirds of its normal width over the last 300 years. Portions of the Elizabeth River bottom are contaminated with some of the highest concentrations of toxins of any water body in the world.

Some of the participating cities, Oberndorf pointed out, have an industrial impact on the river. A large number of businesses are along the riverfront in Chesapeake.

### Basket weaving

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host a two-session basket weaving program for adults on Tuesday, Oct. 14 and Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the museum's main building. Cost is \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-members.

Anna Gay de Temple will lead the workshop. Using grasses and other natural fibers, participants will learn to make baskets like those made by Native Americans long ago.

Registration is required and can be made by calling 437-6007.

### Discovery Days

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host Preschool Discovery Days, its latest children's program series this fall, for youngsters aged 4 and 5.

The new series will focus on age-appropriate discussions, activities, arts and crafts, hand-outs, as well as small group exploration of seasonal topics led by experienced staff.

The series includes the "ABC's of Fish" on Tuesday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the main museum building; "Whose Bones Are These?" on Oct. 7 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the main museum building; and "Creepy Crawly Fun" on Oct. 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Call 437-6007 to register.

### Parenting skills

Principles of Parenting is a newsletter series to help parents strengthen their parenting skills and develop strong and caring children.

The 13 publications are simple statements of researched parenting principles along with stories and illustrations in a comfortable easy reading style. The series will begin the last week of September and be mailed every other week for six weeks. To enroll or for more information, call the Virginia Beach Extension Office, 427-4769.

### Bargains galore

A community yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Fort Story. Family Housing residents will participate.

The housing area is located on Manila, Santiago, Pacific and Vera Cruz roads and Atlantic Avenue near the Fort Story Youth Services Center. The Fort Story Thrift Shop on Guadalupe Road will also participate.

Shoppers should enter the east gate next to 89th Street. For more information, call Fort Story Operations, 422-7164.

### Biz after hours

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater. The monthly networking event provides an opportunity for members of the business community to interact in a relaxed setting. Cost is \$7 for chamber members and \$12 for non-members. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 664-2576.

### Antique show

The Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will hold its 39th Annual Antiques Show Sale Oct. 24-26 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The event features 65 dealers showing fine period furniture, paintings, silver, china, crystal, glassware, vintage clothing and linens, estate jewelry, rare books, collectibles and more.

Proceeds from the show support area scholarships, club charities and community service projects.

Show hours are: Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 with free parking.

### Flower arranging

Learn the beauty and style of flower arranging using materials available in the 18th-century Virginia. The Francis Land House and the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach are hosting a special demonstration/lecture by Mari Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. at the historic Francis Land House.

Hall is a past president of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach and presently serves on the board. She is an active member of the Britany Point Garden Club and teaches floral design classes for the city of Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation.

This program is free. For information call, 431-4000.

### Chamber leadership

Connie W. Long, vice president of membership and organizational development for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, was elected treasurer for the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. It is a one-year term. Long has served on the VACC board for five years.

## Hard work pays off for two at conference

### VB School Board bestows honor for achievement

By Mary Ellen Rosenfield  
Correspondent

Carefully monitoring their FHA club's activities has paid off for two Virginia Beach girls.

Kim Smith and Claire Campbell earned silver medal honors this summer at the 1997 FHA/HERO National Leadership meet in San Diego.

Accompanied by their advisor Sharon Newbold, Smith and Campbell took part in programs on teen issues, and leadership. The two earned the trip to California after winning gold medals at regional and state competitions where they presented a project manual for their Virginia Beach chapter.

More than 4,500 were in attendance at the conference, at the San Diego Marriott Marina Hotel.

"We made a scrapbook for our chapter. We received gold at regional and state," said Campbell, now an eighth grader. The scrapbook showed the projects the chapter had done, according to Smith, a ninth grader.

"We met FHA members from Puerto Rico and Hawaii, all over the United States," Newbold reported. "We took a little cruise one night and went to Planet Hollywood, Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, Balboa State Park and toured San Diego. We had a wonderful time."

"They put in a lot of time after school and weekends to work on this particular project and I could always count on them to be there and do the project," Newbold said of Smith and Campbell. "They sat down and worked through the guidelines. I was proud of them."

At the meeting Newbold was selected for the national Advisor-to-Advisor

program and participated in special inservice programs about training other advisors, and promoting the organization.

The project manual is one of the things FHA members were involved in last year. They also sponsored an elementary school coloring contest.

Smith said, "We had a lot of fifth graders coloring, with the theme 'Family First.'"

They had the mayor sign a "Families First" proclamation, according to Campbell.

"It was very interesting," Smith reported. "We had a lot in common. We both love kids."

They were also involved in the Sand Castle Classic at the Neptune Festival and took first place with a sculpture of Neptune coming out of the sea.

Future Homemakers of America is not what most people think, the award winners were careful to point out.

Campbell said, "Most people are very judgmental about homemaking. They think it's a bunch of girls cooking and cleaning. Mostly we do things for people, for families, to make relationships better."

Smith added, "It's not all that cooking and cleaning. Families should come first — kids should always come first."

In the coming year Campbell will again be involved in FHA activities, though she is not sure this early in the school year which ones.

Smith has taken a year off from FHA to adapt to a new school.

"I plan to carry out all the things we learned last year like leadership skills, but next year I'll join."

Smith and Campbell support the "Family First" theme of their project and share an interest in children. This is reflected in their career goal. Both hope to become pediatricians.

These award winning young people were recognized at the Sept. 16 meeting of the Virginia Beach School Board.



BEACH PAIR HONORED. Kim Smith, left, and Claire Campbell, flank their FHA advisor Sharon Newbold following a commendation by the Virginia Beach School Board to the teens for their silver medal performance at the national FHA/HERO meeting in San Diego, Calif.

## Services board wants more funds

### Additional debt would be paid via revenues

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The Virginia Beach Community Services Board (CSB) has asked city council to increase its debt for the new CSB building under a 20-year lease purchase agreement by \$3,060,520 with the additional debt to be paid by CSB operating revenues.

The city's current appropriation for the project is \$14.2 million while the revised project cost is \$17,260,520.

The project, which would consolidate all CSB operations at a site on Bonney Road, hit a snag when, first, a

preliminary architectural study, which the CSB was not aware at the time, was only the first of two projected studies, was not an in depth report, and second, when the Board decided to tear down the two buildings on the site which the city had bought and start new.

A request was made in November, 1996 by the CSB, the city purchased the Days Inn Hotel on Bonney Road, (about eight acres, and Unclaimed Freight property (about four acres) and a contiguous residential property for access, and the Fuller property to create a site for the consolidated operations.

The site was selected for community compatibility, access and cost, board chairman Donald V. Jellig told city council at a work session Tuesday. The idea was to avoid the risks of higher rents at various buildings where some functions of the CSB are now located.

Since the Pembroke leases were up for renewal this year — several functions are located in Pembroke Office Park — the time appeared to be right. The city paid \$5.7 million for the three properties. CSB executive director Dennis I. Wool said Tuesday that the board is not asking the city for more money, but for an increase in bond authorization with the debt to be paid by the CSB operating budget. Although the Economic Development Authority will issue the bonds, it would first get permission from city council.

Jellig said that the money would come from increased outside funds, co-payments by consumers and private contributions. He said that the CSB has managed to have some money left over at the end of each year; the balance has accumulated while care services have increased. The balance remains in the

CSB fund balance, but the city has to approve appropriations.

He said that while the CSB has enjoyed sub-market rents, the condition will change so that more money would have to be spent for overhead than for caring for clients.

He said that unless some change in facilities was made, the agency could not continue to serve the needs it has served in the past 10 years during the next 10 years.

The project originally estimated at \$12 million, escalated to \$19 million and although that figure was later scaled back to \$18 million, two weeks ago the board decided to tear down the buildings, which were to be renovated, and start over at an estimated cost of \$17,260,520.

Jellig said that city staff, engineers and

# Commentary

## BREAST CANCER OBSERVANCE MONTH

### A matter of life and death

Within the next few days, America will kick off its October observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month — a time to educate women on the importance of mammograms and other preventive measures.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 184,300 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer within a year, and 46,000 will die from the disease. In Virginia, 4,500 new cases will be diagnosed and 1,100 Virginia women will die. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death in women after lung cancer.

However, early detection is making a difference. Statistics show an overall decline in death rates from breast cancer in American women.

There are ways women can arm themselves. The simplest is a self-exam that takes just minutes in the shower or lying down on the bed. Yet too many women it's still say it's a bother. They could spend just a few minutes each month to assure they will be leading healthy, active lives a year from now.

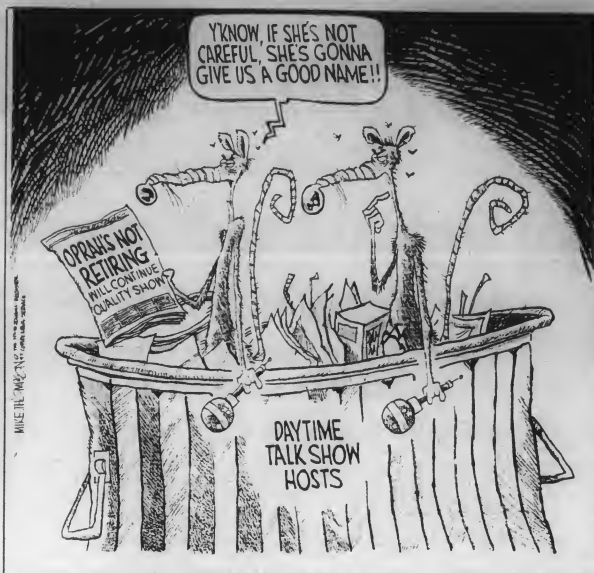
Looking at the statistics, it's easy to see why breast cancer awareness is so important. The risk of developing the disease increases with age. Although a family history of the disease is a risk factor, 80 percent of women who get breast cancer have no family history of it.

That why the three-step early detection process is a woman's best friend — monthly self-exams, annual visits to the doctor and a mammogram every one or two years for women over 40. After age 50, annual mammograms are imperative.

The five-year survival rate for early detection underscores the need for aggressively following the three-step plan:

- 1.) 92 percent if the cancer has not spread.
- 2.) 71 percent if it has spread to nearby organs.
- 3.) 18 percent if it has spread throughout the body.

Obviously, most women would not opt for number three; yet they may if they aren't aware of and practice early detection. The choice is literally in their hands. — V.E.H.



## Letter to the editor

### City manager explains council decision on school funding

Editor, Virginia Beach Sun:

City Council is committed to renovating our aging elementary schools and improve our libraries. We appreciate the School Board's efforts to study the needs of our elementary schools and bring these issues to the forefront, and we plan to ask the voters to approve a funding plan in a fall 1998 referendum.

We felt placing a \$63 million bond referendum for schools on this fall's ballot was not our best alternative for providing a long-term solution to this issue. Instead, we asked schools to submit a more comprehensive plan with these goals:

- To set affordable standards for all renovations, so that all of our students can enjoy a safe and comfortable learning environment.
- To complete renovation of 18 elementary schools, sooner than the 12-years implied under the school proposal.
- To provide enough time for our citizens to analyze the plan and feel comfortable with what is being proposed before they vote.

Meanwhile, Cooke Elementary School, by far our oldest school at 90-plus years, is proceeding on schedule and has been separated from the others in the spending proposal. Because it cannot be renovated and must be rebuilt, funds for design work and land

acquisition have been identified. We plan to include funds in our Capital Improvement Program so that construction can begin next summer as originally planned.

In addition, we are directing year-end surplus funds toward design work on four other elementary schools: Creeds, Thalia, Shelton Park and Bayside. This would allow us to meet the schedule in the original school proposal if the bond referendum is approved next year. Finally, funding has been provided to study 11 additional aging elementary schools.

Thanks to the dedication of our Library Board, we have made improvements of our libraries a higher priority and are studying ways to address their most pressing needs. An action plan will be presented to Council within 90 days.

Part of the reason that we enjoy financial stability is that we have been conservative in taking on debt. We must fully evaluate borrowing needs, particularly of this magnitude, so that we are confident that we have chosen an investment that provides long-term value to the community.

James M. Spore  
City Manager  
Virginia Beach

## Treasure chest of youth a lasting memory

Although many folks who live along the Atlantic Coast regard the fall hurricane season somewhat fearfully, as a kid I looked forward to the tropical storms blowing up the coast with almost joyous anticipation.

My best friend, Bill, and I enjoyed the furious winds and high water. But the aftermath of the storms was the real treat as we were concerned. In our minds, it provided an opportunity for unparalleled adventure.

As soon as the "dreaded" storms had passed, we climbed into Bill's leaky, old wooden boat, cranked up the old seven and a half horsepower Evinrude and headed out for what we considered the ultimate in adventure.

Usually, we headed straight for Jones Cove in Little Creek where the high winds and water deposited an accumulation of flotsam and jetsam through which we enthusiastically searched for priceless artifacts.

Because the possibilities were boundless, it was difficult to predict what "treasures" we might uncover as we combed the beach for booty. There were crab pots, cans, floats and assorted refuse; we found everything and anything from bottles to boats. And, best of all, anything we salvaged was ours to keep. That, as we understood it, was maritime law!

While our overproductive imaginations ran wild, the real adventure for us rested upon what we thought we might find. We envisioned finding a treasure chest filled with gold and jewels from the days when pirates ruled the Chesapeake.

Of all the hurricane-inspired expeditions that Bill and I made to Jones Cove, one particular episode stands out. It towers above the others in my mind, and I'm sure Bill will never forget it either.

After one of those awesome storms — I can't remember which one — we pulled the bow of the leaky old boat onto the sandy beach at Jones Cove and began earnestly searching through the refuse. In an effort to cover the beach quickly, Bill went in one direction and I headed the opposite way. After walking a short distance, I waded across a shallow stream which emptied into the inlet. Then I saw it!

The wooden chest was partly hidden in the cattails, cordgrass and rushes that bordered the stream that emptied onto the beach. Immediately, I moved closer — not really trusting my eyes. But it was still there! I simply could not believe my good fortune.

This chest was about three feet long, a foot high, and two feet deep. On the lid, the initials "M.J.B." were neatly carved in three inch letters just above a sturdy-locking padlock.

"Hey, Bill, come here quick!" I shouted with excitement. Bill, already at full stride, was headed in my direction. He knew by the sound of my voice that I'd found something unusual. "What did you find?" he asked.

"A treasure chest, man, I found a treasure chest!" I exclaimed.

I had called Bill over to confirm my discovery as much as to share what I had found. Apparently, our improbable dream had been realized.

Bill soon stood right beside me with his mouth hanging open in disbelief. At first, he just looked at me curiously, and then his eyes turned in the direction of the flat-topped chest.

We both stood there for a few moments, side by side, looking at the wooden box. Neither of us could believe our incredible good fortune.

"What's in it?" he asked.

"I don't know 'cause it's locked. Maybe a dead body or something. Got no idea," I replied.

Bill scratched his head. "Now, not a dead body. We'd a smelled it by now 'less it was real fresh," he decided.

It was a page out of the adventures of "Tom Sawyer" or "Huck Finn."

"Well, let's open it and find out," I said, as I pulled my war surplus utility knife from its sheath. Only the lock and hasp stood between us and the fabulous contents of the chest.

Both the hasp and lock proved to be much stronger than I anticipated, and I succeeded only in breaking the tip off the end of the knife blade. Bill smashed the lock repeatedly with a rock that he found on the beach. At last, the lock popped open.

"Open it!" Bill ordered impatiently. Since I had discovered the chest, I had the right to be the first to examine the contents; we regarded that privilege as an integral part of our maritime salvage law. That custom was invariably observed by salvaging partners in the provincial circles in which we traveled.

Removing the battered, rusted lock slowly and deliberately, I opened the hasp and cautiously raised the lid. Bill searched my eyes for an indication as to what the contents might have been. Glancing in his direction and smiling, I silently confirmed that we were on to something quite unusual.

An eager inspection revealed that our "treasure chest" was half filled with navigational instruments and brass gauges. It was quite a find by any youthful standard. Bill and I laboriously carried the heavy, water-soaked chest to our leaky little boat and headed home to divide the loot.

Our trips to the cove always accommodated our irresistible compulsion for adventure and excitement. The last time I looked, the old chest was still on Bill's sun porch gathering dust.

Over the years, most of the treasures we rescued have been either lost or discarded. Although the objects that we discovered were never of any real consequence in themselves, they filled our young lives with inestimable excitement.

In looking back, I now realize that my real treasures are the priceless memories of those days of beachcombing at Jones Cove near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay in a leaky boat with my best friend.

## Modern TV commercials lacking sense

I am thoroughly convinced that those responsible for some of those atrocious television ads are either on cocaine, PCP or they are doing their

work inside a lunatic asylum. Many of those crazy ads are accompanied by music so awful you can't understand the connection or what it means. Much of the music sounds like a room full of drunks all singing a different song.

I have been offended recently by several ads, but one that offends me most is a Hardee's ad that shows a half-wit monk sitting at a table in a monastery getting ready to eat a big monster sandwich. All of a sudden a bright light descends, presumably from heaven and a deep voice, presumably God's, asks the goofy monk for a bite of the sandwich.

The monk resists, trying to keep the sandwich out of the reach of the light. Finally the light draws the sandwich up into heaven. After a short time, the half eaten sandwich floats back to the table to the disgruntled monk.

I take it that we are supposed to assume that God took a bite out of the sandwich and returned it half eaten. I feel uncomfortable every time that ad comes on. I believe it to be sacrilegious.

Now, the Southern Baptist Conventioners are always looking for a cause. This would be a good one if they can get past how many gays there are in Disneyland, apology for slavery without redistribution, pressuring Gov. George Allen to commute the death sentence of a murderer.

Another ad that annoys me is the Delta Airlines ad. It doesn't make any sense to me at all. It shows a large space which I suppose is the inside of a Delta plane. There is a lot of crazy music in the background, which is inaudible and does not have any bearing to the plot, which appears to show that Delta has more leg room than any other airline. The last time I flew Delta was 50 years ago on my honeymoon and I don't think I'll be flying Delta anytime soon.

Some of the present ads on television are an insult to the intelligence of the viewer and a sad commentary on television advertisements of today. I like the Budweiser ad with the frogs. Now, that's a cute one. I remember the Ovaltine ad with Little Orphan Annie and the Old Gold cigarette commercial with the dancing cigarette pack. Oh, for the good old days.

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## Out in Left Field

By Bob Rueggeger, columnist

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## Voting not possible if not registered

**Too many people ignore their right**

Voting is described by Webster as "a formal expression of opinion or will in response to a proposed decision." What does this mean and how important is it?



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

of the differences?

As far back as the 5th and 6th Century B.C., Greek offices were filled by people casting their lots. The United States' voting populace, adult, white males were given the right to vote at the time the United States Constitution was written in 1788. Gen. George Washington was elected the first president of the United States in 1789 by only 6 percent of the voting adults, white males with property, the only citizens allowed to vote.

Presidential elections through the years brought fluctuating voters to the polls. In 1876, 81.8 percent of voters participated. From 1880 to 1890, voter participation averaged 80 percent; 1900 - 73 percent. The drop in voter participation bottomed out in 1924 with 48.9 percent. 1930 brought 60 percent; 1960 - 63 percent; 1968 - 50.2 percent; 1984 - 53 percent; 1988 - 51 percent; 1992 - 55.2 percent and 1996 - 49.08 percent. Unfortunately, less than half of registered voters are voting in elections today.

We will be given another chance to voice our opinion at the Nov. 4 election for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, members of the House of Delegates, City Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff and the Commonwealth's Attorney. Voter participation for this election in 1993 was only 56 percent.

The lassitude and seeming disinterest in voting through the years has caused much debate over how this affects American democracy. If the majority voice of all the people that represent the United States of America is not heard, can there really

be a representation of those people? Does this mean that American democracy itself may be in decline? What do you think? Do you vote?

Some scholars say about "the decline in voter participation and the corresponding demoralization of modern-day voters constitute one of the most significant developments of 20th-century politics."

When the American people become too comfortable or apathetic to vote for the people who make the laws under which we live, then this could very well be true.

The election process is used in politics, in corporations and organizations and on committees. All Americans are touched by the voting process. This process is a democratic process, favoring social equality.

Some interesting facts about voting in America — The Constitution was written in 1788 giving the right to vote to all adult, white males with property. In 1870 the 15th Amendment was ratified giving citizens the right to vote and "not to be denied because of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

Women were given the vote in 1920, 208 years after the creation of the Constitution. In 1971, the Voting Rights Act Extension giving 18 year olds the right to vote was made permanent by the passing of the 26th Amendment and the American voting system became one of the most open in the world.

If you wish to exercise your right to vote in the Nov. 4 election, you have to register by Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. Any changes in address or name must also be made by Oct. 6.

There are two ways you can register. One is by mail and the forms can be found at all post offices, recreation centers and libraries. You also can register in person at the Department of Motor Vehicles, city libraries and city schools. For additional information, call 427-8683. The only difference in these registration processes is that if you register through the mail, you will have to show identification at the polls.

Whether you vote yes or nay, for or against a certain person, you are exercising your right as a voter to make your opinion known. If you give up that right then you can't complain about the results.

So make your choices known — register before Oct. 6 and go out to the polls and vote for your choice for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, members of the House of Delegates, City Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff and the Commonwealth's Attorney on Nov. 4.

Let's continue to make sure that we have a government, "of the people, by the people, for the people" for a very long time.

See you at the polls.

## Black rodeo stars leaving arena for local school visits

The Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo is riding back into town. The group that dazzled Virginia Beach last year is returning for a command performance, Oct. 3-5 at the Princess Anne Park Horse Arena in Virginia Beach.

The rodeo is being brought back, not only for entertainment, but for the historical, educational and cultural value. Inclusive in the rodeo this year will be a photographic exhibit on blacks of the Old West, featuring notable minorities who helped tame the Wild West.

To kick off the Rodeo, Jessie "Sluggo" Zullory, world champion bull rider, will be making personal appearances the week of Sept. 29 throughout the Hampton Roads area. Sluggo will appear at Seatack Elementary, Strawbridge School and Seatack Recreation Center in Virginia Beach; and the Miller Day Nursery, S.H. Clarke Academy and I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth.

Additionally, Sluggo will be speaking to students and judging a cowboy coloring contest at area libraries. Winners of the cowboy coloring contest will win tickets to the Bill Pickett Rodeo, Old Country Buffet and the Holiday of Lights display on the Virginia Beach boardwalk.

On Student Day, Oct. 3, students from the public schools of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Hampton and Newport News will receive a combination history/social studies lesson. Besides observing the rodeo, students can question and talk one-on-one with

professional champion cowboys/girls.

This year the Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo will feature Hollywood stuntman, Rex Purefoy. He started doing cowboy shows more than 25 years ago and was inspired by Herb Jeffries, the first black singing cowboy. Not seeing any black cowboys portrayed in the movies, Purefoy decided to become a role model for African-American youth.

Purefoy is a one-man Hollywood show and they bill his horse "Ringo" as the world's smartest horse. Kids and adults alike will enjoy his spectacular wild tricks, fancy roping and horse catches and trick gun twirling.

Another "first" will be the Salute to the Black Cowboy Barbecue, and Date with a Cowboy Auction on Oct. 3 in Virginia Beach. Entertaining the crowd will be country singer Angelo Mayo of Portsmouth and a local deejay playing "oldies."

The rodeo contests include bull doggin', calf roping, barrel racing, ladies', ladies' barrel racing and steer undecorating competition.

The African-American Cultural Council of Virginia Beach is bringing this event to Hampton Roads.

Student Day tickets are \$5 per person. General rodeo admission on Oct. 4-5 is \$10 in advance, \$12.50 at gate and \$12.50 for the Oct. 3 Salute to the Black Cowboy Barbecue and Date with a Cowboy Auction. Tickets may be purchased at the Ticketmaster location. For additional information, call AACC at 460-3093.

## Up close and personal

### Martha Johnston: Have a heart

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

One could say that Martha Johnston's big heart for daughter Ruth led to a volunteer career with the American Heart Association.

"My daughter used to work down here a lot by herself, which she didn't like so much, so I told her I could come down and stay while she worked. I did that for a couple of nights and got so bored that I said, 'Well, give me some work,'" Johnston said.

That one request led the Virginia Beach resident to countless hours serving the association over the last three years. Johnston's work has not gone unrecognized either.

She was recently named the AHA's 1997 Volunteer of the Year.

The standout helper has worked with every campaign and project, providing logistical support for major events such as the Heart Ball and American Heart Walk. She has attended Jump Rope for Heart events at area schools and served as a health fair volunteer on numerous occasions.

The AHA also recognized Johnston as an invaluable resource to the Neighbor to Neighbor campaign, doing everything from packing kits to coordinating mailings. She is the first person the AHA calls when something needs to be done, whether it's stuffing envelopes, labeling mailings or answering phones. Yet she never logs her hours — that would make it feel too much like work.

"This is my escape, just helping others," she explained. "The neat thing about it is that I learn new things, particularly with the Heart Ball. I just love walking into a room that's chaos and making order — something beautiful — from it. The walk is fun in a way, too, but there's not that spectacular transition."

Surprisingly, Johnston's life has not been touched by heart disease, as is the case with most volunteers. No one in her family has died from heart complications, and her health is generally good.

That doesn't mean, however, that Johnston fails to promote a healthy lifestyle. On the contrary, she works to keep her cholesterol down, eats right and works out at Bow Creek Recreation Center.

A Windsor Woods resident, Johnston's volunteer experience did not begin with the American Heart Association. For more than 20 years she volunteered in the schools and classrooms of her three children, served as room and band mother, chaperone and event organizer.

Her interests are not limited to volunteering. Johnston's biggest hobby is handiwork — sewing, crocheting, bobbin lace and the like — which she indulges with the Francis Land House Laces Sewing Guild.

**Name:** Martha Ann McCall Johnston.

**What brought you to this area:** My husband accepted a career chance.

**Hometown:** Abingdon, home of the Barter Theater.

**Age:** I'm 59, but I feel like 30.

**Nickname:** None that I know. My husband sometimes calls me Mart.

**Occupation:** Homemaker, seamstress and volunteer.

**Marital Status:** Married to Roy for 36 years.

**Children:** Eric is 35 and assistant manager and stocker with Food Lion. Ruth is 33 and is marketing director for Your Personal Trainer. Lisa is 30 and is financial associate manager with First Coastal Bank.

**Favorite movies:** "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Amadeus," "What About Bob?" and "Toy Story."

**Magazines I read regularly:** Family Circle and Woman's Day.

**Favorite authors:** Most are sewing experts. Nancy Zieman is my favorite.

**Favorite night on the town:** Recently, my girlfriends and I went line dancing — I'm still learning.



**Favorite restaurant:** Red Lobster.

**Favorite meal and beverage:** Grilled salmon, steamed vegetables, root beer and butter pecan ice cream.

**What most people don't know about me:** Most people don't know that at heart I'm a country girl.

**Best thing about myself:** I find great joy in being able to help others.

**Worst habit:** According to my family, I try to talk while I'm eating. Also, I'm a serious packrat.

**Pets:** My favorite was my daughter's black Labrador retriever.

**Ideal vacation:** Visiting my family's large dairy farm, feeding the baby calves, driving tractors and enjoying the country life.

**Hobbies:** Sewing, crocheting, knitting, bobbin lace, quilting, needle lace and gardening.

**Pet peeves:** People not picking up after themselves.

**First job:** Fourth-grade teacher.

**Worst job:** I've been blessed and haven't had a horrible job.

**Favorite sports teams:** I don't really have a favorite, but I enjoy watching competitive ice skating.

**Favorite musicians:** I select music by the song more than the musician. A few artists are James Galway, The Judds, Brooks and Dunn, Celine Dion, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler.

**Most embarrassing moment:** My car died in the middle of Atlantic Avenue and I tried to push it out of the way.

**I would like my epitaph to read:** "Loving mother, wife, daughter and sister."

**If I received \$1 million:** I would remodel our house, bank some, give some to our children and help my brothers on the farm. I would give the remainder to some favorite charities.

**If I have 10 minutes on national television:** I would probably freeze and be speechless. But what I'd like to emphasize is our obligation to respect one another, family, friends and strangers.

## Cox center building dedication is Sunday

**Facility for elderly open house at 4 p.m.**

The M.E. Cox Center for Elder Day Care will dedicate its new building on Sunday at 4 p.m. with a ceremony and open house.

The new 5,100-square-foot building is located on land provided by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and is adjacent to St. Nicholas Catholic Church at 644 North Little Neck Road in Virginia Beach. Local community efforts established the center two decades

ago, then one of the first of its kind in the region.

Five years ago, the volunteer board of directors under the leadership of Mary Ellen Cox, the center president and founder, embarked on a fund-raising campaign to finance the new building.

Contributing to the campaign and success of the center over the years include donors large and small — including civic groups, foundations, garden clubs, churches, businesses, service groups, families and individuals.

Participating in the dedication will be Bishop Walter F. Sullivan of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, Commissioner Thelma E. Bland Watson from the Virginia Department for the Aging and the

Rev. James M. Noto, pastor of Saint Nicholas Catholic Church.

The new facility, now licensed to care for 45 older adults, continues to provide support, respite and education for families and other caregivers.

## Voter registrar seeking volunteers

The Virginia Beach Voter Office needs four volunteers to work on two teams with two persons per team. Skills required are basic

computer literacy, filing and other related clerical work. Hours can vary and training and supervision will be provided.



# Hundreds of youth anticipated at summit

Approximately 400 youth from South Hampton Roads are expected to attend a Youth Summit on Oct. 13 at Virginia Wesleyan College. Dr. William Greer, president of Virginia Wesleyan College, and Scott Sachs, a junior at Kempville High School in Virginia Beach, are co-chairpersons for the event.

The solutions generated by the youth will be examined at a follow up Mayor's Summit in February. The participants will include



Greer



Sachs

corporations communities of faith, agencies and other organizations. Each city — Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach — is accepting nominations and selecting a delegation of 80 youth to send to the summit.

Plans originated from the original 10 Virginia Beach delegates, led by Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, who were appointed to attend the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia in April. Only two jurisdictions in Virginia — Virginia Beach and Richmond — were selected to send delegations to the Presidents' Summit.

"Concern for our youth is not an option," says Greer. "It is an imperative. Those of us beyond our youthful years do not want it to be said of us that we lost a generation. Now is the time."

The Youth Summit will focus on hearing area youth's concerns and solutions under the five fundamental resources stated at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia in April.

The goal of "America's Promise: An Alliance for Youth," the offshoot program of the Presidents' Summit, is to ensure that at least two million youth nationwide by the year 2000 have access to several fundamental resources — a healthy start, an ongoing relationship with an adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a marketable skill through effective education and an opportunity to give back to their community through community service.

The Mayor's Summit, scheduled for February, will include representation from municipal governments, schools, communities of faith, corporations and military in Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Suffolk and Portsmouth.

Participants will address the youths' concerns and focus on bringing together the private and public sectors to make commitments to meet their needs.

## Neptune Fest Parade steps off Sunday

The Budweiser Clydesdales will make a special appearance at the Neptune Festival Grand Parade on Sunday. Stepping off from 16th Street and Atlantic Avenue, the parade ends at 31st Street. The Clydesdales arrive in town Friday (today) and will be on display in special facilities set up at 30th and Atlantic through Sunday. Other weekend activities are the Neptune Fest sand castle building competition, an art show along the boardwalk and Saturday night fireworks.

Courtesy Photo



# Services board wants more money

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architects, as well as the board members, looked at all ultimate designs and decided that the most appropriate building would be a new facility.

The CSB now proposes a plan which involves no additional city funds, Jellig said, and calls for 20-year lease-purchase revenue bonds.

Jellig said that by the 15th year of the project, the project should be paid off and the CSB will still have a \$1.1 million fund balance. He said he regretted the breakdown and said the project is financially feasible. "We want what you want, the optimum we can afford for this community."

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf asked about the utility costs the board would have to pay in its own building.

Jellig replied that some of the property used now is owned by the board and presently pays utility costs while others are rented and no utility costs are paid.

Oberndorf also asked about the study done by an architect which was referred to as a "guesstimate."

Jellig said that the board started out "with the feeling that we could be able to use the hotel without dramatic changes" but on further investigation this was in doubt. He said that the CMSS architectural firm, which did the preliminary study, asked to do a more detailed study. He said, however, that the board was not aware that the CMSS study was only a preliminary study.

Wool said that the board is contemplating using \$2.2 million of the fund balance for the project.

Virginia Beach contributes 26 percent of the CSB budget. Wool explained that the State Code requires a 10 percent local match. The local match ranges from 40 to 50 percent in Northern Virginia to areas where localities find it difficult to find the 10 percent.

The project calls for the sale of the Wildwood property, owned by CSB, for \$500,000.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. registered concern about the period when the project will be constructed the SB will still be paying rent. He said more information was needed.

The architectural firm of Paul Finch and Associates was awarded the contract for the construction although CMSS was a contender, Jellig said.

The CSB, which offers services

in mental health, substance abuse and mental retardation, writes off \$200,000 in costs a year — that is, costs incurred by consumers who cannot afford to pay. Councilwoman Reba McClanahan wanted to know whether the agency had been "aggressive enough."

Councilman Linwood Branch said that since the building would be owned by the city, if there were a shortfall of funds, the debt would have to be assumed by the city.

Jellig said that the plan as been developed "as tight as we can," and that he has the greatest respect for both architects involved.

The building will be one or two stories — a three-story building or more would be more expensive because of the necessity for pilings, Finch said.

Finch said the CSB has 69,000 square feet of leased space; including elevators needed in a

CSB building would bring the necessary square footage to 80,000, and meeting the requirements for the disabled would boost the square footage to 95,000 square feet to meet today's needs.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said "Some concerns we've heard from clients is that the various communities should not be with others."

Finch said that plans are not to bring everyone to one door, that the consumers can be separated. He said there was some mix with other populations now.

After talking to the people who will use the building, the space needed was estimated at 132,000 square feet, but that was brought down to 115,000 square feet, Finch said that he was told the amount of money that would be available, but "we told them we couldn't build it for that."

When McClanahan said the fig-

ures looked high, Finch said they compare with construction projects, both public and private, that the firm has done recently. Some features of the building will cost more, such as the de-tox section where people may stay overnight, Finch said.

If nothing is done, Jellig said, in answer to a question from Henley, the agency will have to charge patients to pay the rent.

The board offers 19 services at spread out locations. The number of consumers served has increased from 5,369 in 1993 to 9,224 in 1997. At the same time, expenses have increased from \$10,863,541 to \$18,487,420.

The fund balance has increased from \$357,004 in 1993 to \$3,150,467 in 1997.

## Honoring unsung heroes

The Creating A New Image (CAN-I) Sistercircle and The Self Improvement Center will honor unsung heroes in the area during their "Celebrate A Brother" luncheon tribute on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 5655 Greenwich Rd.

Cheryl Wilkerson, host of "On The Line" of WSVY-FM will be the guest speaker and playwright Glen Alan will perform. Admission is \$25 per person.

The tribute will offer area residents an opportunity to honor the men in their lives who give unselfishly to their families,

churches and community, but are not duly recognized.

The event will also honor a "Man Of The Year." CAN-I and The S.I.C. are encouraging persons to honor their sons, husbands, fathers, teachers, elder or any special man in their lives.

Anyone wishing to participate in the luncheon, can submit a personal tribute of one page (typed or printed) which will be read. A gift will be presented to the honoree at the luncheon. All men present at the event will receive a gift.

For more information, call 467-3808 or 523-4268.

## Teachers attend session for Math Modeling project

Several Virginia Beach teachers recently participated in a Math Modeling project sponsored primarily by the National Science Foundation and managed by Mount Saint Mary's College. They were Patricia Maiuro from Ocean Lakes High and Mary Joanne Rowe and Michael Videll from Cox High.

Based on the premise that math is more readily grasped through the application of analytical and problem-solving skills than through rote memory, the aim of the Math Modeling grant is to demonstrate ways to improve classroom teaching of mathematics and science.

Led by Drs. John August and Fred Portier of Mount Saint Mary's College, the program

provides a forum for high school math teachers from the tri-state area to apply modeling principles themselves. Weekend sessions are conducted throughout the year and then capped with an actual situation that requires modeling solutions.

For one intensive week during the summer, the teachers put their newly acquired skills into practice by addressing the needs of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. In addition to directly benefiting the refuge, which incorporates the solutions into their educational programs and policy planning, the experience also helps teachers devise related lesson plans for their own classes.

## Hebrew Academy sponsoring children's concert on Sunday

David Grover and The Big Bear Band will appear in concert at the Hebrew Academy of Tidewater, 1244 Thompsons Ln. in Virginia Beach, on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door on the day of the performance.

Grover is a singer, songwriter and musician who writes and

performs music for children and adults. He was voted Best Singer/Songwriter in 1997 Massachusetts, Artist of the Year in 1993, nominated for an Emmy award in the Northwest Region and awarded the "Silver Microphone" as a national finalist in the United Way Campaign.

For more information, call 424-4327.

## Arson is on the rise

Last year in Virginia Beach arson investigators were called upon to search more than 250 fire scenes for clues as to the origin of the fire. This is the second time in a year and a half

the TAF Group's buildings have been the target of an arsonist.

On Thursday, July 3 at 3:30 a.m., 70 firefighters were sent to Ansol Lane and Landmark Square to battle a two-alarm fire. When they cleared the scene 19 hours later, more than \$2 million worth

of buildings and its contents were destroyed.

Arson is on the rise across the nation, and Virginia Beach is no exception. This crime affects every citizen and business who pays insurance premiums and tax dollars for arson investigators.

Virginia Beach Crime Solvers would like to receive an anonymous tip to identify the person responsible. Along with remaining anonymous, the caller will be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000. Call Crime Solvers at 427-0000 if you can help.

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# Band classic keeps 'em trucking to Portsmouth

## Beach units do well at Churchland

By Phyllis Johnson  
Correspondent

There is nothing more colorful, more musical or more energy charged than a good band competition.

Churchland High School recently hosted its 13th annual Trucker Classic Band Competition. Sixteen bands competed in four class categories, with bands ranging from those having 45 winds and percussion to those having 81 or more.

Bands traveled from as far away as Roanoke Rapids, N.C. and Chester. It was a long day for all with the opening ceremony at noon and the awards presentation at 7 p.m. to cap the day.

There is a lot of preliminary planning that goes into such events. The scheduling and streamlining takes a great deal of effort on the part of those in charge. Among those in the forefront of the planning were Debbie Beck, sideline percussion instructor; Jay Larkin, director of the Churchland High School marching band; Dianne Edmondson, band booster president; and Sandy Todd, the Trucker Classic chairperson.

"We started planning for this in May or early June," said Edmondson. "Holding this event helps with our school image. We have a lot of support from the staff, faculty and the maintenance people here. Sandy Todd has done an excellent job coordinating the competition. The band members have also spent many hours practicing."

"Our band competition is one of the first in the season," said Edmondson. "A lot of bands look forward to coming here because we put on a good classic. They really enjoy it."

Schools participating were impressed with the competition. "Here you see a lot of dedicated and disciplined students," said Doug Bondy, an Ocean Lakes band parent. He went on to commend the organizers for a job well done.

It also takes dedicated parent volunteers to help with tasks such as caring for the band uniforms. Most groups have T-shirts to change into and band parents were seen wearing matching or coordinating T-shirts.

Pam Wood, a band parent from Hickory High School, wore her turquoise band shirt.

"My son Jordan is in the Hickory drum line. This is their second year as a band," said Wood. "Hickory has done really well since they began."

Hickory's AAAA class band, "The Marching Hawks," were directed by David Enloe and wore striking uniforms of turquoise. The color guards wore harem outfits befitting the theme "Arabian Nights."

The Great Bridge High School AAAA class band, "The Marching Wildcats," wore dark green and white uniforms. Directed by Rob Carroll, they played "Russian Christmas Music" and "Reed Dance of the Tumblers."

Also representing Chesapeake in the competition were Deep Creek (AAA) and Oscar Smith (AA) high schools. Virginia Beach bands included (A) Bayside High School, (AA) Ocean Lakes High School, (AAA) Kellam High School, (AAA) Princess Anne High School, and (AAAA) class Kempsville High School marching bands.

Other participants included Bethel High from Hampton and Denbigh High School from Newport News, Lakeland High School in Suffolk, Roanoke Rapids (N.C.) High, Meadowbrook High School in Chester and the Gates County High School marching band from



WINNING PERFORMANCE. The Marching Chiefs from Kempsville High School in Virginia Beach not only looked smart in their uniforms, they performed smartly too. The band was awarded first place in the AAAA category at the Trucker Classic Band Competition sponsored and hosted by Churchland High School in Portsmouth.

Photo by Phyllis Johnson

Gatesville, N.C.

The host of the classic, the Churchland High School Marching Truckers, gave a striking performance on their home turf.

Between competitions, bands members and parents chatted and visited. During the day, the announcer allowed what was known as Air Waves. Messages were given over the loud speaker from one group to another or one individual to another.

"We've got spirit... how about you?" was one message. One

school sent Kellam this message, "Yechaw."

One young man even sent a marriage proposal to his beloved young lady in this manner. It is not known if she accepted.

The most spirited of bands in the stands between sets and between announcement of the awards was the Lakeland High School marching band. The Blue Wave has often received the "Most Spirited" award at competitions. At the Trucker Classic, Lakeland received first place for their featured

twirler and second place in the class for their percussion section.

Awards were also given for majorettes, feature twirler, drum major, rifles, color guard, percussion section, and hom line.

In the A Class Overall Best Band, first place went to Gates County High School and second place went to Bayside High School. In the AA Class Overall Best Band, first place went to Roanoke Rapids, second to Meadowbrook, and third to Kellam High School.

Princess Anne High School won

first place in the Overall Best Band Awards in the AAA class. Deep Creek took second place and Warwick got third.

In the AAAA class awards, Kempsville High School was awarded first place, Hickory took second, and Denbigh was awarded third place.

Various bands at the competition now begin their plans for the next competition. Future events include Oct. 4 in Edenton, N.C., Oct. 18 in Indian River and Nov. 4 at Roanoke Rapids, as well as others.

## Theatre seasons begins with classic

Virginia Musical Theatre opens its 1997-98 season with the classic Broadway hit "South Pacific." Adapted from James Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific" with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein and book by Oscar Hammerstein and Joshua Logan. The play has been called one of the finest musicals in the history of the American theatre.

Virginia Musical Theatre's productions runs Friday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Oct. 12 at the

Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater.

"South Pacific" has the distinction of being the only work to earn a Pulitzer Prize in two guides. Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific," a collection of short stories based on his experiences during World War II, earned a Pulitzer Prize best novel in 1948. In 1950 the musical adaptation based on two of the stories was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for best drama.

Virginia Musical Theatre's

production is directed by Jeff Meredith. Musical director, Kevin Wallace conducts a 14-piece orchestra. Musical highlights include "Some Enchanted Evening," "There is Nothing Like a Dame," "Bali Hat," "Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" and "I'm in Love With a Wonderful Guy."

The VMT production features Ken Parks in the role of Emile de Beque.

Evening performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinee performances Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$30, children \$7.50. Group and military discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased at TicketMaster outlets, the Pavilion Theatre Box Office, branches of First Virginia Bank or by calling the Virginia Musical Theatre box office, 340-5446.

## Beach lands AAU national tournament

Virginia Beach will host the Amateur Athletic Union's 1999 Girls' National Basketball Tournament. It is one of the largest competitions within the Union and an event that will draw more than 2,500 players and their families to the region.

The announcement was made last week by James B. Ricketts, director of the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development. It submitted the bid in cooperation with The Boo Williams AAU Girls' Basketball League in the Hampton Roads area and the city of Norfolk.

A total of 80 teams will participate in the Virginia Beach tournament, scheduled for July,

which will feature competitions for girls 14 and under.

Eight Virginia Beach high school gymnasiums have already been reserved for tournament play with an additional five schools reserved for full-court practice sessions. Ocean Lakes High School is being targeted as the location for the final tournaments, pending AAU approval.

"A tournament this size, with players and their families, will enhance the region's image as a venue for sports events and will be an economic benefit for area hotels, restaurants, attractions and retail shops," said Ricketts, who anticipates that region-wide, the tournament will generate about \$1.5 million in direct spending.

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## Start your own business: first step develop a plan

Perhaps you've dreamed of starting your own business, but you're not quite sure where to start.

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Do I know how to find my particular niche in the market and how to identify my customers? Can I obtain the capital I will

need to start and keep the business running without getting into cash flow problems?

If you answered yes to the majority of these questions, you may have what it takes to be successful in starting your own business.

In getting started, your first step should be to develop a business plan. A successful business plan is realistic, factual and objective, presenting your goals in measurable and sustainable terms. It will help you to focus on critical issues and questions to help your business thrive and grow.

Ask lots of questions and be sure you come up with satisfactory answers, such as, what type of business do you want to own? Who are your principal competitors? What are their strengths and weaknesses? Where will you locate your business? Who are the potential customers for your product or service? How will you market to potential customers?

Find and consult with qualified professional real estate agents, lawyers, accountants, public relations experts and consultants — to help you make the best decisions. Ask other business owners for referrals. Contact the Better Business Bureau for a reliability report on any company you are considering using. Good advice may be the difference between success and failure.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Eighteen Virginia Beach residents graduated from Radford University at the end of the summer session. Receiving bachelor of science degrees were Graham Tyler Jordan, biology; Richard James Goerner, psychology; Erin Marie Coster, social Science; Louella Ann Diego, speech communication; Brian E. Emerson, biology; Tamara Jean Kennedy, social work; Kara Lynn Morrisette, recreation and leisure services; Kristen Brooke Wright, fashion design; Caroline Anne Zelles, fashion design; Jessica Nadine

Baker, recreation and leisure services; and, Christopher Matthew McSwain, recreation and leisure services.

Also Bryan Patrick Maftin, political science; Rebecca Jean Pope, psychology; Jason Michael Sell, recreation and leisure services; Michelle Rae Marquette, recreation and leisure services; and Scott Michael Wilson, psychology. Receiving a bachelor of business administration degree was Troy Glenn Patterson, marketing. Receiving a bachelor of arts degree was Liam Dennis Brennan, English.

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# Clean-up crews find less waste than normal

By Jane Rowe  
Correspondent

What do you get when you pick up trash on a wilderness beach? Volunteers at last weekend's International Coastal Clean-up learned that you often get hot, fly-bitten and a little disgusted by some of the garbage you found along the ocean's edge.

Trash pick-up does have its ups and downs, as the 20 volunteers who turned out at False Cape State Park discovered. The work-

ers, who had come armed with sunscreen and water bottles to pick up trash on the beach, were greeted by a strong land breeze that sent temperatures soaring and blew biting flies onto the beach.

But the job has its rewards, too, and some of the volunteers left with sand dollars, conch shells, or pocket change that they'd found. A note in a bottle and bottles with foreign labels were also among the treasures the ocean

deposited on the beach for these workers.

These volunteers were part of an annual event aimed at cleaning up, identifying and compiling statistics on the debris found along waterways all over the world. While many admitted they enjoyed the excuse to spend the day exploring outside, picking up trash and recording the results was their primary motivation.

"I've been coming down here since the late 1940s," said volunteer Ernest Woodard of Norfolk. "This is my first clean-up, though. I was down here a couple of times this summer and I said 'This place needs to be cleaned up.'"

The False Cape volunteers cleaned up about four miles of beach in the wilderness park, located south of Back Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Collectively, they lugged in about 1,750 pounds of trash, including 1,200 pounds of lumber. In terms of numbers of pieces of trash collected, plastics and plastic foam led the list, although the workers found a lot of deflated balloons, many with the ribbons still attached.

These plastics, balloons and ribbons are particularly worrisome to environmentalists because marine animals often mistake them for food, and plastic is thought to be one factor responsible for the decline in sea turtle populations. Ribbons, too, are

dangerous because they can ensnare fish and birds.

At the 1996 clean-up, volunteers world-wide found more than 180 animals, almost all of them dead, entangled in debris. Fishing lines, nets and plastics were the major culprits, with 74 animals found entangled in lines, 24 in nets or other fishing gear and 23 in plastic bags.

**Data collection** is one of the primary reasons for International Coastal Clean-up, and the False Cape volunteers dutifully recorded each piece of trash that they collected.

Last year, volunteers in this country collected more than two million pieces of debris, with cigarette butts, plastic and foam items and aluminum or glass soda cans and bottles leading the list.

Although the trash collected at False Cape last weekend added up to a lot of pounds, the beach actually appeared surprisingly clean, at least in comparison with previous years. One volunteer speculated that recent high tides caused by a full moon probably contributed to the pristine appearance because the tides washed most of the debris out to sea.

Most of the trash at False Cape, which is a limited access beach, probably washes up from pleasure boats or ships, rather than from people visiting the

beach, according to chief ranger Gary Williamson. Some of the debris, including the large pieces of wood, could wash up from other beaches or from piers or pilings destroyed by storms.

Sailors aboard ships often dump burlap bags of vegetables or rice into the ocean when they approach the United States coast because custom laws prohibit bringing that food into this country. Among the curiosities found at last weekend's clean-up were bags and soda bottles with foreign labels.

"Isn't this some sort of loc-

landic language?" one volunteer asked after the others in his group failed to identify the script.

The high point, though, was a mysterious note in a bottle found Woodard. The note, although a little waterlogged, was still legible enough to decipher the writer's name and address. Apparently from an Ohio tourist who visited Virginia Beach this summer, it asked that the bottle's finder contact her.

"We ought to invite her down here for coastal-clean-up next year," one volunteer quipped.

## Many activities slated this fall at False Cape

The clean-up unofficially marked the beginning of the Fall activities at False Cape State Park. Since motorized vehicles are prohibited in the park, everyday access is normally limited to hikers, bikers, canoeists or visitors who ride electric trams from Back Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Park staff, however, offer a variety of activities that range from canoeing to hikes, birding expeditions and astronomy strolls, and transportation is provided into the park for these events.

Moonlight Canoe Trips, scheduled in conjunction with

the full moon, will take place Oct. 14-15 from 6:30-9 p.m. and Nov. 12-13 at 5 p.m. A birding expedition is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and a sunset canoe trip is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 19 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Visitors will get a chance to hike through the park at night on Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Participants meet at Little Island City Park, and reservations are required. For more information or reservations call 426-7128.

## — Home Improvement —

# Low-voltage lighting makes home glow

Imagine spending thousands of dollars on a work of art, only to look it away in a closet every evening.

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Jay Kakuk, Toro lighting engi-

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neer, offers the following planning tips for effective outdoor lighting:

■ To determine the focal points you wish to light and the lighting angles, direct a flash-

light beam at the objects.

■ Remember less is better. The object is not to simulate sunlight, but to accent key elements of your landscape.

■ Accent lights are best suited for paths, steps and perimeter lighting.

■ Floodlights and spotlights are best suited for highlighting landscape and architectural features. Because of the amount of light emitted by these fixtures, it's best to hide them from view.

■ To create depth and drama, integrate both well-lit and dark areas into your lighting design.

■ A single, direct source of light flattens objects, making them look two-dimensional. Grazing or washing light from different angles onto the objects creates shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

■ If you're lighting deciduous trees or shrubs, place spotlights at the base to showcase tree



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structure. This technique is called uplighting.

■ If you're lighting coniferous trees, place spotlights to the sides of the trees to illuminate the form of the tree. This is called sidelighting.

■ To light outdoor entertain-

ing areas, attach spotlights to overhanging tree branches or house eaves. This technique is called moonlighting.

■ Consider decorative accent lights for warm, intimate lighting around poolside and deck areas.

## Home buyers, sellers beware; agent may try to influence appraisal

Selling your house? Beware if your sales agent expresses concern that the freshly signed contract may fall through because an appraiser cannot — or will not — estimate the home's value equal to the proposed sales price.

Home buyers and sellers should be cautious when appraisers are pressured to reach a value equal to the sales price. That's the word from the American Society of Appraisers in Washington, D.C., along with a warning that ethics violations of this type spell trouble.

If the agent tells you not to worry because the appraiser will

be provided comparable sales that justify the proposed sales price — and will be required to disclose the value before the appraisal is complete — then something is amiss.

Such methods pressure appraisers into believing that payment for the appraisal will be contingent upon justifying a predetermined value and will require the appraiser to commit ethics violations. Since the vast majority of appraisers adhere to a code of ethics, you may find your sales agent talking about finding another appraiser. That's your second clue that something's amiss.

Federal regulations require that appraisers work for the lenders — not for the brokers or the borrowers — when loan transactions are involved. Unless the lender or client provides a release, the appraiser is violating ethics provisions if confidential appraisal information is disclosed to anyone but the client.

What can you do? According to the American Society of Appraisers, find a reputable sales agent who will either remain at "arms-length" from the valuation process or will apply a more positive approach in dealing with appraisers.

For example, your agent can provide the appraiser with all available data and even explain why some information is more relevant. This is extra work for the sales agent, but it normally pays big dividends and eliminates future disputes.

Also, be sure the appraiser adheres to a code of ethics and follows the Uniform Standards of Appraisal Practice by looking for the designation "ASA" or "AM" after the appraiser's name. "ASA" means the appraiser is an "Accredited Senior Appraiser" and "AM" means the appraiser is an "Accredited Member" of the American Society of Appraisers.

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**

**PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH**

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agriculture use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:**

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Conditional Use Permit for a boat storage facility and commercial marina on certain property located on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Craig A. Rosenburg for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile repair and sales on the west side of S. Lynnhaven Road north of Ole Towne Lane. Said parcel is located at 851 S. Lynnhaven Road and contains 14,984.64 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

**KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH**  
4. An Ordinance upon Application of East Coast Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the west side of Indian River Road, north of the intersection with Indian Lakes Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 5149 Indian River Road and contains 3.4 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

**LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH**  
5. An Ordinance upon Application of Half Tide Water Ltd. Partnership for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 160 feet west of Cranston Lane. Said parcel is located at 3216 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 32,400 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Ralph Knapp for a contractor's storage yard on the east side of Central Drive on Lot 27C, London Bridge Industrial Park II, Phase One. Said parcel contains 1.7 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

**MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:**

7. Application of Asher Properties, a Virginia General Partnership, for a modification to a conditional use permit for an automobile repair establishment (grease monkey quick lube).

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granted December 12, 1988. Property is located at 2841 Virginia Beach Boulevard. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

**STREET CLOSURE:**  
8. Application of LADM Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company, Lena Sanello and Contractor's Paving Company, Inc., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Avenue E beginning at a point 337.93 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 899.85 feet to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. Said parcel contains 30,094 square feet. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAB  
City Clerk

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## Public Notice

## CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH



## PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, October 7, 1997, AT 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a resolution entitled "A Resolution Supporting Legislation Which Will Designate Real and Personal Property Owned by Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Inc., as Being Exempt From State and Local Real and Personal Property Taxation." Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Inc., owns real property located in the City of Virginia Beach with an estimated assessed value of \$9,015,500 and will own personal property with an estimated value of \$200,000. If tax exempt status is not granted, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Inc., would have to pay real estate taxes in the approximate amount of \$109,989.10 and personal property taxes of approximately \$2,960.

A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk. If you are physically disabled, or hearing or visually impaired, and you need assistance at this meeting, please call 427-4305 Voice/TDD.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAB  
City Clerk

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## Public Notice

Auction: 1984 FORD ESCORT  
4DR BLUE  
Serial: 2FABP1344EX123355  
Auction Date: 10/08/97  
Time: 11:00 a.m. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, VA 23518.  
Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

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## Public Notice

Auction: 1986 CHRYSLER LE-BARON/BLUE  
Serial: IC3BC56D4GF115963  
Auction Date: 10/09/97  
Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater Accept. Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, VA 23518.  
Tidewater Accept. Corp. reserves the right to bid.

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## Public Notice

Auction: 1992 GEO STORM/BLUE  
Serial: J81RF2369N7524632  
Auction Date: 10/15/97  
Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater Accept. Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, VA 23518.  
Tidewater Accept. Corp. reserves the right to bid.

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## Public Notice

Virginia:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE CITY OF VIRGINIA  
BEACH  
Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Plaintiff v.  
\$2,350.00 US Currency (Brown),  
CL94-3993  
\$1,327.00 US Currency (White)  
CL94-4052  
\$986.00 US Currency (Myles)  
CL95-926  
\$1,065.00 US Currency  
(Gallaway) CL95-1409  
\$3,000.00 US Currency  
(Berzili/Arterberry/Baldwin) CL96-1309  
\$11,500.00 US Currency  
(Zellner) CL97-309  
\$58,460.00 US Currency (Lewis)  
CL97-1490, Defendants  
Order of  
Publication and Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME THE Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above reference items that were seized between November 23, 1994, and April 23, 1997.

AN Information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before October 29, 1997, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19.2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

ENTER this 8 day of September, 1997.

Edward W. Hanson, Judge  
Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

By Barbara Munden, Deputy Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:  
Deborah M. Paxson  
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney  
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney  
2305 Judicial Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9050

I, Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Deborah M. Paxson, Affiant  
COMMONWEALTH  
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,  
to-wit:

1. Jaye Lee A. Cullen, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that foregoing Affidavit of Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribed to before me this 5th day of September, 1997.

Jay Lee A. Cullen, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires  
6/30/00

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## Public Notice

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Pace Construction Development Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Ferrell Parkway and General Booth Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of McDonald Nurseries of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the south side of Mason Street beginning at a point 650 feet more or less east of Independence Boulevard on Lots 2, 3 & 4, Reedtown. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban low density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.39 acres more or less. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of CH & B Associates L.L.P., The Caplan Family Trust, The Fleder Family Trust, and Kyrus Family L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the west side of Windsor Oaks Boulevard beginning at a point 330 feet more or less south of Holland Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains .8 acres more or less. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-24 Apartment District to R-5D Residential Duplex District on the south side of Bonney Road, 543.4 feet east of Kenley Road. The proposed zoning classification change to R-5D is for single family duplex land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban low density residential at densities that are compatible with townhouse use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4915 Bonney Road and contains 1.45 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from P-1 Preservation District to Conditional O-2 Office District on Parcel A, Section 1, Kempville Greens. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-2 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for parks/recreation use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at the northeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Kempville Green Parkway and contains 1.099 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:  
6. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a lodge

on Parcel A, Section 1, Kempville Greens. Said parcel is located at the northeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Kempville Greens Parkway and contains 1.099 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:  
7. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ocean Investors, L.L.C. Property is located on the east side of Great Neck Road, 123.64 feet south of Dey Cove Drive. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:  
8. An Ordinance upon Application of Ocean Investors, L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for an open space promotion on certain property located on the east side of Great Neck Road beginning at a point 123.64 feet south of Dey Cove Drive. Said parcel contains 77.510 acres. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Rennie Petroleum Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and N. Plaza Trail. Said parcel is located at 3397 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 30,099.9 square feet. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Century Towing Service, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard for vehicles, and motor vehicle sales on Parcel 1, Subdivision of Block 5, Map of A.W. Cornick's Kempville Farm. Said parcel is located at 4750 Baxter Road and contains 18,687 square feet of a 3.626 acre parcel. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication antenna on certain property located on the west side of Indian River Road beginning at a point 2000 feet south of Lynnhaven Parkway. The requested antenna will be placed on a 600 square foot portion of this 1472.68 acre parcel. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Bethel Christian Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the north side of Indian River Road, west of New Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 1814 Indian River Road and contains 1.02 acres. FUNGO BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Larry M. & Christine E. Pinkston for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1864.3 feet north of Gum Bridge Road. Said parcel contains 13.45 acres. FUNGO BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Joe Monds, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located at the northwest intersection of Blackwater Road and Blackwater Loop. Said parcel contains 34.36 acres. BLACKWATER BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Diamond Springs Shoppes Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Diamond Springs Road and Shell Road. Said parcel is located at 1270 Diamond Springs Road and contains 2.23 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication monopoly on certain property located on the east side of Business Park Drive beginning at a point 540 feet more or less north of Greenwich Road.

Said parcel is located at 168 Business Park Drive and contains 1.87 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole and communications equipment shelter on certain property located on the south side of Indian River Road, west of West Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 2765 Indian River Road and contains 35.06 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:  
18. Application of Howard Richardson Corporation for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for a church on September 14, 1981. Property is located on the west side of Princess Anne Road, 511.31 feet south of Lynnhaven Parkway. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:  
19. Ordinance to amend Sections 901 and 1001 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to use regulations for eating and drinking establishments.

DEFERRED BY CITY COUNCIL ON 8/13/97:

20. Ordinance to amend Section 410 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to dwelling units in livestock barns in Agricultural Zoning Districts.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 9/10/97:

21. An Ordinance upon Application of The Dragas Companies, a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 12.278 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Albert N. & Diana H. Jensen for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 640.3 feet south of Jackson Lane. The proposed zoning classification change to I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1 acre. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Windsor Oaks West, Parcel 2 L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shoreline Court. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail/service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.579 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of Christ Episcopal Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Holland Road, 280 feet more or less east of Buym Farm Road. Said parcel contains 4.707 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

25. Application of Charley Bradley for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Broad Bay Drive beginning at the northern boundary of Long Creek Drive and running in a northerly direction to the southern boundary of Long Creek. Said parcel contains 4.938 square feet. LYNNAHAVEN BOROUGH.

26. Motion of the Planning Commission of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and reordain Section 2.2(A)(1) of the Site Plan Ordinance pertaining to site plan review for film operations.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single Family District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Wickhuck Ct., beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Wickhuck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this property for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 527 N. Wickhuck Road and contains 1 acre. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott  
Planning Director  
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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# Open cockpit flying fulfills columnist's desire

By Bob Ruegsegger  
Correspondent

Ordinarily, I take pride in my penchant for living conventionally, but occasionally someone makes me an irresistible offer — an offer so enticing, exciting and unusual — that my conservative judgment becomes slightly impaired.

The opportunity to fly with the Red Baron Stearman Squadron Team during their visit for the Neptune Fest air show at Oceana was just that attractive a proposal. It was an offer that I just couldn't refuse. No way!

My aspirations for becoming a Naval aviator were shot down in Pensacola before I got off the ground — defective visual acuity.

This was the best offer that I've had since my days in the Navy, and I wasn't about to let this golden opportunity to "fly the friendly skies" slip through my fingers.

I dug my old flight boots out of the closet and wiped off the dust. I even aired out my father-in-law's

leather flight jacket. Regrettably, my white silk scarf was not to be found.

After locating those essential accoutrements, I rushed to the Kempsville Branch of the Virginia Beach Library and checked out every book that I could find on Der Rote Baron (German for The Red Baron). I began reading "Manfred von Richthofen: The Man and the Aircraft He Flew." Not only would I be properly equipped, I would also be mentally and physically prepared.

The Red Baron Squadron, of course, derives its name from Germany's World War I flying ace, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, who was personally credited with downing 80 Allied aircraft. The legendary Richthofen was better known as the Red Baron because the all-red Fokker DR.1 Triplane in which he scored his last 17 kills.

**This squadron flies the A-75 Stearman (reminiscent of the**

open-air cockpit biplanes of aviation's earlier years) which was produced in the late 1930s and 1940s as a trainer to prepare Army and Navy pilots for the more advanced, high performing World War II fighter aircraft.

The Red Baron Stearman Squadron is the only formation flying team that utilizes authentic, antique aircraft.

When I arrived at Hampton Roads Airport late on Monday afternoon, the sky was overcast. I had been looking forward to this flight for exactly a week.

I parked near a hangar, sauntered into the pilot's lounge, and introduced myself to pilot Steve Thompson.

Thompson walked out to the flight line with me and answered a couple of dozen questions about the Stearman A75 aircraft while I photographed the superbly restored Red Baron biplanes. Then he introduced me to contact man Russ Sanderson who had arranged a

demonstration flight.

The Red Baron Stearman Squadron is sponsored by Red Baron Frozen Pizza.

While I was waiting, I wandered around the pilot's lounge, eyeing the hot Red Baron pizza, but I resolved to wait until after my flight to "chow down." It was one of my smartest decisions in recent memory.

When the four planes and pilots were ready, Sanderson introduced the passengers to their pilots. I flew with Steve Elm who said, "Let's take the red one." All four of the aircraft appeared to be identical.

His humor was contagious. He and I walked toward one of the red and white biplanes. When we reached the aircraft, he pointed to a black non-skid patch on the top of the wing by the fuselage. "Step only on the black patch and put your hand on the cockpit to assist you in getting up," he directed. "Then step on the seat, grasp the handholds and lower

yourself into the seat."

After I had situated myself in the forward cockpit, Elm fastened the seatbelt harness around me. "That's to help gravity hold you in," he chuckled.

"This goes to your parachute," he added, snapping a couple more harness clips.

"Hope that we won't need to use it," I commented nervously.

"Haven't had to use one in 19 years," Elm said matter of factly. "But you never know."

**Not feeling** totally reassured by his reply, I listened more than attentively to Elm's instructions for exiting the aircraft in a mid-flight emergency.

"If you hear me say 'bail out, bail out, bail out,' take off your helmet and goggles and throw them away," he said. "Then release this buckle," Elm indicated by pointing to the fastener in the center of my harness.

"Stand up, grab the handholds. Release and jump clear of the aircraft," he explained.

"After you've cleared the aircraft, pull this," he pointed to a large metal ring. "That's your parachute," he added.

Elm had my total attention for the entire 60 seconds that it took him to explain how to exit the Stearman in a mid-air crisis. I hung on every word. And I hoped that following those instructions would never become necessary.

"That's all there is to jumping out of a crippled airplane?" I asked. "Yep," Elm confirmed.

Flight attendants on commercial airlines spend more time than that explaining how to fasten the seatbelt, I thought.

"When you have the headset on, press and hold this button to talk," Elm said as he pushed a bright orange button on the panel. "When you're finished, release it."

"Are you ready to do some acrobatics?" Elm asked me.

"What do you mean?" I replied. "Well, a loop and a roll," he explained. "If you like it, we'll do some more. If not, we'll stop."

**As I** pulled the helmet and headset over my ears, I heard "clear prop." A few moments later, the 9 cylinder, 450 horsepower Pratt and Whitney reciprocating engine came to life.

The rumble of that engine was incredible — not so much loud as a deep, throaty grumble.

Elm taxied the Stearman behind the other three biplanes, zigzagging to the end of the airstrip.

On the ground, it's impossible for a Stearman pilot to see what is directly ahead which makes it necessary to turn the plane from side to side to view the traffic on the runway ahead.

Soon the four biplanes were cleared for takeoff. Positioned two abreast on the far end of the runway, the pilots increased the throttle and the planes sped along the runway. In what seemed to be a few seconds, the wheels of the first two planes lifted gently off the blacktop.

In a few more seconds, all four planes were off the ground and climbing. In the air, these vintage



**GUIDING FORCE.** Red Baron Stearman Squadron's Steve Elm piloted the plane in which Ruegsegger was passenger and photographer.

planes were even more impressive than on the ground.

My headset crackled. It was Elm telling me that our first maneuver would be a loop. "Try to get a shot [photograph] at the top of the loop," he suggested. "It's impressive. Your camera may feel a little heavy."

I got the shot at the top of the loop. But after that I misplaced the horizon. I didn't have a clue as to where "up" was or where "down" was either.

Finally, the horizon reappeared before me. "How'd you like that?" Elm's voice crackled again in my headset.

I pushed the talk button. "How many G's?" I asked.

"Five," Elm replied. "Wow," I thought, "five times the force of gravity!" My camera felt as if it weighed 15 pounds while I felt that I weighed in the neighborhood of 750 pounds.

The next maneuver was a roll which made me dizzy and turned my stomach inside out. The horizon spun around. "How are you doing?" Elm's voice asked.

"That made me dizzy," I answered. There was no reply.

Elm leveled the plane and flew in formation with the other biplanes for a time. Still a little dizzy, I took some additional photos and vowed to buy a camera with autofocus for my next flight with the Red Baron Stearman Squadron.

Our final maneuver was a left hand turn — a piece of cake, and then we headed for the barn.

Soon the runway stretched out in front of us, and I watched the planes ahead of us land. Elm set the Stearman down so gently that I didn't even feel the landing gear touch the ground. He taxied to the flight line and cut the engine.

I sat there for a few minutes in the open cockpit and reflected upon the exhilarating experience. Flying in an open cockpit, vintage Stearman A75 was a unique experience — one that I'll never forget.



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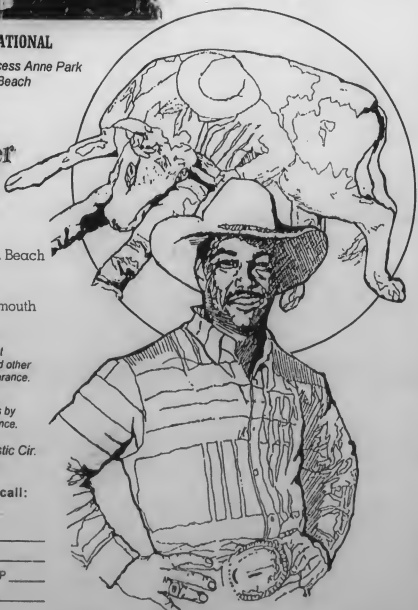
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## MILITARY UPDATE

Navy Seaman Robert H. Clark, son of Jack E. Knight of Pinewood Drive, Virginia Beach, recently participated in the Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise (LANT JTFEX 97-3) while assigned to the fast combat support ship USS Seattle, homeported in Earle, N.J.

Clark was one of more than 15,000 Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen who participated in the U.S. Navy Second Fleet exercise. In addition to U.S. assets, NATO ships from Standing Naval Forces Atlantic and ships comprising a Canadian Task Group also participated. Conducted in the Western Atlantic Ocean, the predeployment exercise served as the final certification for Clark's ship's deployment with the USS USS George Washington Carrier Battle Group which will deploy in September to the Mediterranean Sea.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Religion

An old-fashioned tent meeting will be held Oct. 5-8 at 1541

Centerville Turnpike in Virginia Beach just south of CBN.

The series of services is sponsored by the Azalea Garden Church in Norfolk and the Faith Alive Church in Chesapeake. Oliver McMahan is the guest speaker.

The services are at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

### Clubs

The Back Bay Restoration Foundation will meet Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd.

The Atlantic Coastal Flyway will be discussed by Vickie Shuler, a local expert on plants and ecology of the area. A deli buffet will be available at 7 p.m. for a minimal charge.

Great Neck-Virginia Beach ARP Chapter 4643 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2541 Shorehaven Dr.

The Ocean Park Woman's Club will celebrate its 53rd birthday with a luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club in Virginia Beach. The speaker will be Jose Chazelle, who will speak on Operation Smile.

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